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EUROPEAN COUNCIL DISCUSSED

Western Union Countries Start Work On Details

CHURCHILL'S PLEA

London, February 3.
The Western Union countries today started working out details of the proposed Council of Europe and hoped to avoid the pitfalls that the United Nations encountered.

Shots Fired At Train

Shots were fired at a Canton-bound train from Kowloon on Wednesday night, according to verbatim press messages from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

The train left Kowloon at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. Four hours later, as it was travelling near Kutan Station about 10 miles from the Canton terminus, shots were fired at it from a hillside.

After the train arrived at Canton, railway guards, inspecting the train for damage, found bullet marks on the last carriage. None of the passengers was injured.

The firing occurred in the same neighbourhood where robbers, disguised as passengers, held up an express from Kowloon recently.

Looming CKR Strike Averted

The looming strike threat involving more than 1,000 railway workmen of the Canton-Kowloon Railway was averted when settlement was reached at Canton last evening.

The last train from Canton yesterday arrived late last night without passengers. It will resume the service this morning. Tickets were not sold during the negotiation, and it was too late for would-be passengers to board it when it left the Chinese city.

More than 1,000 workers, threatening to walk out, delayed the last train from Canton on Wednesday for more than an hour. The men sat on the track while negotiations were under way between their representatives and the railway authorities for advance payment of wages and rice rations.

The dispute remained unsettled when the train was allowed to leave for Kowloon. As it was already filled with passengers, the workmen were persuaded to come off the track and allow the train to proceed.

STRANG'S VISIT TO INDONESIA

London, February 2.
Sir William Strang, new Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who left London last month for a Far East tour before taking over at the Foreign Office, recently visited Indonesia, it was disclosed today.

Sir William had conversations with representatives of the Crown and with Indonesian Republicans and the Federalists. — Reuters.

The Weather

At 0000 GMT (2 p.m. HEST) from a small anticyclone over Central China, a ridge extends ESE to the Pacific.

Today's Forecast: Light variable winds becoming moderate SE. Fog at first becoming partly cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 75.1 deg. Fah. Minimum 62.5 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 7.1 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 1.0 mm. = 0.04 inch. at Kowloon. 2.0 mm. = 0.08 inch. at Canton. Average of 16.7 mm. = 0.66 inch.

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The problems of the Council came up as diplomatic representatives of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg met for the first time since their governments approved the principle of a European Council.

The Council will be composed of two bodies—in one every nation is to have "veto" in the other the larger states will have more votes than the smaller ones and there will be no veto.

This plan, it was learned, has considerable support among the Western Union nations. They gave it support on the basis of experience in the United Nations where debate has flourished but action has seldom resulted.

The European Council as now suggested would be composed of two bodies:

Veto Power

1. A Cabinet composed of a minister from each member country. This Cabinet would meet privately and would make decisions. But as no country is willing to give up its own sovereignty all important decisions would have to be unanimous. This one country's "veto" would be a veto on any proposal except on procedure.

2. A Consultative Assembly composed of about 100 members. This Assembly would meet in public and pass resolutions but its decisions would not be binding on any country. This would be similar to the UN General Assembly. One big difference would be that the UN General Assembly gives each country one vote while the European Assembly would give the larger States more voting power.

It has been suggested, for instance, that Britain and France have eight times as many votes as tiny Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland and others of the smaller countries would have more votes than Luxembourg but fewer than France or Britain.

The Consultative Assembly would be the propaganda sounding board of the European organization.

Mr. Winston Churchill, meanwhile, pleaded today for a Parliament of Europe which will represent the concentration of united people in concrete and definitive form.

Strive For Unity

Mr. Churchill spoke to 800 diplomats, leaders of international organizations and members of Parliament in the London Guild Hall after he had received the gold Grotius Medal from Holland in recognition of his services to the cause of peace.

"Among many difficulties and grave perils Britain and the Netherlands, together with their neighbours, are striving to form a closer unity than has existed in Europe at any time since the days of the Roman Empire," he said.

Communist Agents Busy In Germany

Berlin, February 3.
In direct contrast to reports of new Russian peace moves, Communist agents in Germany are urging mass demonstrations against the Western Allies' occupation policies.

The Russian-sponsored German Communist People's Council called upon Germans to take their fate in their hands, promising them that the Soviet Union will support them.

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Moscow Radio joined in the protest declaring that the action against Reimann "had opened the eyes of millions of Germans."

And in reference to the United States, he said: "We are moving forward in a goodly company. From far across the Atlantic comes to our tortured and shattered continent a mighty surge of health and strength."

Mr. Churchill again referred to the United States in discussing the Western Union.

"I have always felt that the structure of world security should be founded upon regional organizations. That is now what we are doing, or striving to do, in the Western Union. In many ways this regional structure is already coming into being. It is already a vast reality on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean."

Mr. Churchill said the Brussels meeting this month on European federation would be another forward step in the grand design.

UN Example

"There must be in European supreme court to which breaches of the declarations of human rights so valiantly and majestically proclaimed at Geneva by the governments of so many powers can be referred and by which these human rights may be proclaimed and defended," he said.

He said Western Europe still had to work and breathe in the shadow of the sword.

"We are saddened by the fact that the new United Nations Organization should have been so torn and shattered. It has made a far less hopeful start in its first four years than did its predecessor, the League of Nations."

"But saddened though we are we must not lose heart for faith because it is along these paths that the human race can find satisfaction of its needs and desires." — United Press.

POLITBURO AGENT ARRESTED

Athens, February 3.
John Blanas, member of the Communist Party Politburo, who came to Athens on a "special mission for General Markos," was arrested today.

The Minister for Public Order, Constantine Rentis, said that Blanas arrived in Athens two months ago to organize a Communist "Town Committee" to "unhinge, execute and terrorize" during the occupation of Greece. Blanas served with ELAS, the Leftist resistance organization, as a Commissar on the Peloponnese. — Associated Press.

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Survivors Of Ship Collision



Still clad in their underwear and wrapped in woollen blankets, 19 survivors of the ill-fated Portuguese freighter Masbate, which sank five minutes after colliding with the ss. Hsiang Hsing on Monday morning off Foochow, arrived here yesterday by the ss. Hai Yang from Swatow. Greeting the survivors were officials of Jebahun Shipping Company and relatives at the Douglas Wharf. — ("China Mail" Photo).

Twenty-Five Members Of Masbate Crew Reported Still Missing

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Twenty-five members of the 48-man personnel of the sunken Portuguese freighter Masbate are still missing, survivors said on their arrival here from Swatow by the ss. Hai Yang yesterday.

The Chinese chief cook died aboard the ss. Hsiang Hsing shortly after he was picked up from the sea. The missing persons include the Portuguese master, Mr. C. V. Gomez, and the Portuguese chief officer, Mr. Edward Bentley.

The Masbate was struck on the starboard side of the third hold by the Chinese steamer in thick fog at 5 a.m. on January 31 off Foochow at the given position of 26.35N and 120.46E. She sank five minutes after the collision.

The ss. Hsiang Hsing sustained damage on her bow port side. The extent has not been estimated yet. She took the survivors to Swatow under her own steam, however.

Twelve survivors were picked up from the oil-covered sea in thick fog by their comrades in a Hsiang Hsing lifeboat. They were landed aboard the Chinese steamer an hour after the accident. The chief cook died of his wounds shortly afterwards.

Clothing had to be taken aboard the Hai Yang yesterday to the 19 survivors. The second officer, the bosun and the quartermaster are meanwhile at Swatow, being interrogated by the Chinese Customs regarding the collision.

The arrivals were still clad in underwear. Some had woollen blankets, given by the Hsiang Hsing crew, wrapped round them. They include eight from the engine-room, four deck-hands, two from the purser department and eight from the comrade's staff.

A number of them still bear scars and wounds of the explosion.

Subsistential rums, accommodation and food are being provided by the local agents, Jebahun Shipping Company. Twelve of the arrivals, most of whom are Northern Chinese, have families in the Colony. Others are staying in boarding houses.

Eye-witnesses told of how they were caught unaware, their frantic escape and the nerve-racking rescue of those floundering in the oily sea.

Hok Fung-men, 42-year-old fireman of the Masbate, was in the engine room when he heard intermittent hootings at about 5 a.m. "Suddenly I heard a dull

thud followed simultaneously by a violent shake-up," he related.

Thrown Off His Feet

The fireman was thrown off his feet. He rushed up to the main deck hard on the heels of his colleagues and saw a bigger vessel with her bow embedded in the starboard side of the third hold. The Masbate was then trembling and "I felt she was going to go down at any moment," he said.

Several scenes attempted to lower the Masbate's lifeboats, but seeing that there was hardly time to save themselves that way, they jumped on to the Hsiang Hsing, which was at that moment reversing and pulling away.

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SNOW IN ITALY

Rome, February 2.
Heavy snow fell in some areas of Southern Italy last night, mainly in the provinces of Apulia and Lucania.

Snow also fell in the Naples area, lightly powdering the city and blanketing the top of Vesuvius. — Reuters.

Hungarian Primate Offers To Make Peace With State

Budapest, February 3.

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty began his treason trial today with an appeal for delay while he made peace between the Catholic Church and Hungary, but the People's Court immediately turned down the request.

The Cardinal asked in a letter to the Justice Minister, Dr. Istvan Riesz, that his case be separated from the six other co-defendants and suspended while he attempted a peace mission.

The letter was read as the trial opened in the small, chilly room of the main court.

The building was heavily guarded by militiamen, stationed every few paces. Each of the seven defendants was flanked by a guard on the long bench facing the tribunal where seven judges sat.

The Cardinal told the court that he had written the letter in his own hand-writing and of his own free will.

The letter added that he had had time to think the entire matter over for the past 30 days, and that during this period, he had come to realize that "because of my activities, the agreement between the church and state was delayed."

It added that the Cardinal felt that even the Holy See could not object to the establishment of peace, under such conditions.

After the letter was read, the President of the Court, Dr. Vilmos Olgyi, conferred with his six fellow judges. Then he rejected the Cardinal's appeal for delay. After that the court recessed briefly.

When the court resumed Cardinal Mindszenty took the stand for questioning. The other six defendants, meanwhile, had been led back to the cells to await their turn in accordance with Hungarian judicial tradition.

The Cardinal listened impassively to the court when the long list of charges against him was read. He is accused of conspiring to overthrow the Government, attempting to restore the monarchy, espionage, black market deals in American dollars and opposing Government attempts to strengthen democracy and socialism.

Agrees In Principle

Cardinal Mindszenty, in his letter, said he agreed in principle with the accusations and had concluded after long meditation that an agreement between the Church and the State should and could be reached.

The Cardinal's co-defendants are Dr. Justin Baranyai, a university professor; Dr. Andras Zakar, the Cardinal's secretary; Prince Paul Esterhazy, richest private landowner in Hungary; and accused of black market dealing in American currency; Miklos Nagy, secretary of the Catholic Action Group; Dr. Bela Ispanky, a priest; and Dr. Laszlo

Bunche Invites Arab States

Rhodes, February 3.

The Acting UN Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, announced today that he had invited the six Arab States to come to Rhodes for armistice talks with Israel.

The invitation was sent on January 30 to Iraq, Transjordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. None of the States has replied thus far.

King Abdullah of Transjordan proposed an immediate acceptance of an invitation to join armistice talks with Israel which he met the Iraqi Regent, Abdul Illah at a desert pumping station last night. It was understood in Damascus today. — United Press and Reuters.

Roth, Catholic press, head before Hungary's liberation.

The 58-year-old Prince of the Church—the first Cardinal to face a court in modern times—was led into the Marko Street courtroom this morning by a uniformed police.

The short-statured Primate took the first seat on the long defendants' bench facing the seven judges. Cardinal Mindszenty looked in normal condition, his face slightly ruddy despite weeks of detention. He listened with determined men to the opening formalities.

To the right of the Cardinal was his defence counsel, Dr. Kalman Kiskó, hitherto an almost unknown attorney.

To the left of the prisoners' bench another raised platform held the prosecution headed by Dr. Gwula Alapi and Marlon Bodovli.

The were almost no onlookers in the streets leading to the court.

In accordance with an appeal from the bench and the remaining Hungarian Catholic authority, there were no demonstrations reported anywhere in the country. — United Press.

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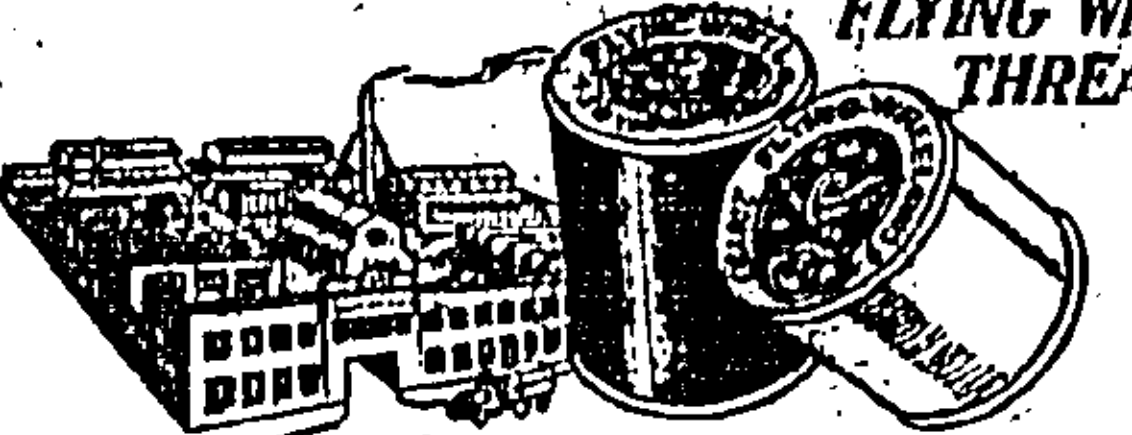
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Robber Sentenced To Eight Years

Eight years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane was the sentence passed by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, on Lam Mun yesterday, for assault with intent to rob. Lam burst into tears when he heard the sentence and mumbled that it was a miscarriage of justice, as he was innocent.

Price Control Regulations Violated

The fine of \$375 was imposed on the China Products Company, 90 Queen's Road West when summoned before Mr. Y. K. Kan and Mrs. R. L. Chow at the JP Court at Central yesterday for its third offence against price control regulations.

Chief Inspector J. H. G. Pitman, the prosecuting officer, said that the defendant company sold a tin of milled milk for \$2.50, 10 cents above the controlled price, and that there was no price tag attached to the commodity.

Fines ranging from \$50 to \$250 were imposed on Shui Chuen, 14 Des Voeux Road West, The Oriental Store, 17 Morrison Hill Road, Chuen Hing, 421 Hennessy Road, Chuen Sun Kee, 212 Lockhart Road, Tai Shing Grocery Store, 1 Pennington Road, Tai Yuen Company, 18 Li Yuen Street East, Tak Kee Store, 125 Chun Yung Street, Pak Wai Medicine Company, 323 Queen's Road Central, Pak Chiu Company, 283 Queen's Road West, Hing Kee, 60 Lockhart Road and Ching Sang and Company, 1 Li Yuen Street East for similar offences.

The Ching Tai Medicine Company, 143 Des Voeux Road Central and Wal Shing, 241 Queen's Road East, were cautioned by the Court.

Kerosene On Junks Confiscated

Kerosene valued at approximately \$10,000 was confiscated from Li Pak-yip, junk-master, when he was charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday on four counts of dangerous goods offence.

The prosecutor, Inspector J. Orem, said that a check-up by police of junks resulted in Li's arrest.

Defendant had 1,240 tins of kerosene on his unlicensed junk illegally anchored at Castle Peak. He also failed to report the arrival of his craft to the Director of Marine.

A second defendant, Wong Sau-ye, was also convicted of a similar offence. He had 1,260 tins of kerosene valued at \$10,000 on his junk.

Both defendants suffered forfeitures of the kerosene which Mr. Scholes said was heavy penalty enough. He discharged them with a caution.

Mr. M. Hoonan, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, told the Court that Kam was charged with assaulting Ho Kah Ho Hing, Tam Kung-fa and Tsot Cho with intent to rob them. The offence took place at about 10 o'clock on the night of November 18, when a party of six men entered the premises of the case-taker of the Tsun Wan Cemetery. The place was in a lonely spot and was occupied by the caretaker, his family, and a number of other employees of the cemetery.

Used Considerable Force

The man attempted to overcome the inmates of the house and used considerable force. When the opportunity presented itself, some of the occupants attacked two members of the gang, causing them to run away. Eventually, other members of the gang fled in various directions. Three of the inmates decided to make a report to the nearest Police Station, which was the Tsun Wan Police Station, and set out in a car.

They went down Texas Road and during their journey they noticed a person fleeing down the road. They stopped the car and gave chase. They saw that their quarry was carrying a bamboo pole similar to that used by one of the robbers. On catching up with the man, they recognised him as being one of the gang.

This individual then turned and attacked the group, but they set about him and succeeded in overcoming him.

Well Planned Robbery

Mr. Hoonan said that the attempted robbery appeared to have been well planned and all members of the gang were armed with either pistols or knives. In endeavouring to achieve their object they had used considerable force and one of the inmates of the premises suffered a stab wound with a knife. The accused, said Mr. Hoonan, was identified not only by the men who captured him, but also by two other inmates of the house. He was the only member of the gang apprehended and his arrest was primarily due to the courage and initiative of some of the occupants of the caretaker's house.

Evidence was then given by the victims of the assault hearing out the Crown's case.

Before the Court rose the Chief Justice commended the prosecution witnesses for their courage and said if more people were like them, criminals would find it more difficult to commit crimes.

Committed For Trial

Li Kwok-on, aged 24, alleged to have held up the conductor of bus 5066 at Customs Pass Road on December 6 last, and robbed him of a satchel containing about \$55 and 1,000 unissued tickets, was committed for trial by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

It was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by Detective Inspector D. L. Davies, that accused was one of the two men who held up the bus at Customs Pass Road, near Military Road, about 5.25 p.m., and that while the other man, not arrested, pointed the gun at the driver, accused released the conductor of the money bag.

Accused, it was further alleged, was arrested by five Portuguese who were returning from a shooting trip, after they had fired a total of five shots at accused and his companion.

STORING OF FIREWORKS

Divisional Officer R. H. J. Brooks of the Fire Department was the complainant before Mr. F. K. d'Almeida at Central yesterday, when he charged Chan Moon-tong, aged 29, merchant of 179 Wing Lok Street, West, with storing and possession of 1,085 lbs. of fireworks without a permit.

Mr. Brooks emphasised to the court the seriousness of such stored and said that in the event of a fire breaking out, the consequences would be unimaginable. Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined the maximum of \$100. The fireworks were confiscated.

In imposing the penalty, Mr. d'Almeida said he regretted he could not inflict heavier punishment.



More than 50 squatter shacks, near the old Government Civil Hospital, were razed by fire yesterday. No casualties among the squatters were reported. The fire broke out at 2.45 a.m. in a few minutes five fire engines from the Western and Central districts were fighting to prevent the blaze from spreading. More than 200 squatters lost their belongings. The photo shows what remained of the squatter colony after the fire. "China Mail" Photo.

Drills Drop Out Of His Trousers

Ip Lung-fat, 30-year-old casual coolie employed at the Ordnance Depot at Shamshuipo Camp, was leaving work at 5.30 p.m. on February 2 when, as he was passing Warrant Officer R. Samuel and Lance Corporal W. J. Lucas on duty at the gates, two steel drills dropped out of the legs of his trousers.

He was thereupon searched and when another two drills were found in his jacket pocket, was brought to the Shamshuipo Police Station and charged with stealing. While in the Changroom, Ip asked for permission to go to the lavatory. Detective-corporal 503 was detailed to accompany him. While waiting outside the lavatory, the detective found a metal case and immediately entered the room. There he found 30 other drills on the floor.

The total value of the 34 steel drills, said Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans when Ip was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday with stealing the drills, was \$170.

Defendant was fined \$380 or three months' hard labour in default.

YOUTH GAOLED FOR SNATCHING

An 18-year-old youth, Chan Ching-san, unemployed, was given 18 months' hard labour by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday for snatching.

Inspector J. Orem, prosecuting, said that defendant committed the offence at the Government Vegetable Market by snatching \$50 from the hands of a woman preparing to make a transaction. The magistrate warned the youth that stealing is a grave offence and that he will be banished from the Colony the next time he is convicted.

ART SHOW

An exhibition of Chinese Paintings by Mr. Wong Tuk-tung will open at the Hotel Cecil tomorrow. It will continue for five days.

The present show, the third one-man show of the artist, will be composed of 50 exhibits ranging from fish to landscapes depicting scenes of Hong Kong and Macao. Admission is free.



Miss Betty Bate, 15, of American teen-agers, arrived here by plane yesterday. Miss Bate is visiting the Colony on a flying tour and the world to acquaint American youngsters with the children of other countries. She is making her first visit to Hong Kong with an "A" Home With Betty Bate in her blue and white uniform. She will arrive at 4.30 p.m. and will stay at the Hotel Cecil. Miss Bate is 15 years old and is a student at the American School in New York. She is a member of the Girl Scouts and is a very active and cheerful girl. She is also a very good singer and dancer. She is very interested in the people and customs of the Colony and is looking forward to her visit to Hong Kong.

Big Divan Raided By Police

What was described as a very big divan, contained in a specially constructed hut at Tai Kok Tsui, was raided by a police party, led by Chief Inspector F. J. Clarke, on Wednesday night.

Instead of about 20 smokers, which the police expected to find on the premises, they found only six men; the others, including the keeper, having escaped through the four or five doors.

The police also found 70 pots of prepared opium, 11 pipes, 10 lamps and eight double beds on the premises, besides \$44.30 in the till.

Li Shun, aged 30, and the other two smokers were fined \$100 each when they pleaded guilty to the charge of smoking. Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. The money was donated to the Poor Box.

Remanded from Wednesday, Shum Lau, 50-year-old unemployed, was sentenced to a month's hard labour, followed by 10 years' banishment, by Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday on the charge of keeping an opium divan.

When the premises, an unnumbered hut at Tai Kok Tsui, was raided by Sub-Inspector Fung Lok on February 1, three smokers were arrested. The smokers were fined \$50 each.

PAINTER BEARS THE BRUNT

As the police party under Sub-Inspector Dewar closed in on the opium smokers at Amoy Street, a 52-year-old painter Tang Ching raised his voice and shouted "Police".

The opium addicts dispersed and only the painter was taken into custody.

At the police station, Tang quietly passed Sub-Inspector Dewar a HK\$10 bill, hoping that the officer might release him. What he got was an additional charge of corruption.

Before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday, Tang pleaded guilty to the charges of obstruction of police and corruption, and was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

FOOCHOW QUAKE

Foochow was slightly shaken by an earthquake on Wednesday morning, according to the Wah Kiu Yat Po yesterday.

The quake lasted for about 10 seconds, occurring at 1.05 a.m. Residents in the number of buildings in the shock. No damage was caused.

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Council To Screen Films Every Week

The British Council is establishing a weekly film show of 16 m.m. documentary films showing different aspects of British life and institutions. These will be held every Thursday in the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. starting on February 10. There will be no charge for admission, but owing to the limited number of seats, application for tickets must be made to the office of the British Council, Station Square, 7, programme will be issued some months in advance giving the subjects for each occasion. It is also intended that a short talk by an expert on the topic illustrated should precede the showing of the films.

The Council films in the Colony at the moment cover the following subjects: Music, Ballet, Shakespeare, Architecture, Agriculture, Biology, Education, Science and Technology, Countryside of Britain, Public Utilities, Medicine, Industry and Commerce.

The British Council also intends to show films on Canada and Australia which have kindly been lent by the courtesy of the Trade Commissioners of these Dominions.

The first programmes will be as follows: February 10—Music; Address by Rev. Thomas F. Ryan, S.J., "Instruments of the Orchestra"; "Steps of the Ballet".

February 17—Law; Address by the Attorney General, Hon. J. B. Griffin, K.C., "English Criminal Justice"; "May on the Beat".

Wanted Her To Marry

Chan Tsang, 35-year-old casual earth-coolie employed at Cha Kwo Ling, wanted to supplement his income by being a go-between (match-maker), or so he claimed before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when he was charged with assaulting a woman.

Sub-inspector J. H. Evans said that at 10 p.m. on December 20 last, defendant went to see Siu Ping-heung, 21-year-old married woman, in her unnumbered hut at Tam Kung Road, and suggested that he should act as her go-between to a certain man.

The woman told him that she had no intention of getting married, but he insisted on being allowed to be the match-maker and named \$800 as his fee. This sum was reduced to \$50 when the woman said that she had not got the money.

When complainant refused to pay the money, and claimed that she had no money, defendant struck her with his fists on the chest, left arm, and thighs. Siu was so scared after the beating-up that she did not dare to report to the police.

On February 1, Detective-corporal W. Chung-chi received information of the assault and at 10 p.m., went to see the woman. She brought him out to look for her assailant. They found him at Tam Kung Road near a path. Chan, who denied the allegation and claimed that he was asked by the old woman who lived with complainant to act as a go-between, was convicted and fined \$200 or six weeks' imprisonment in default.

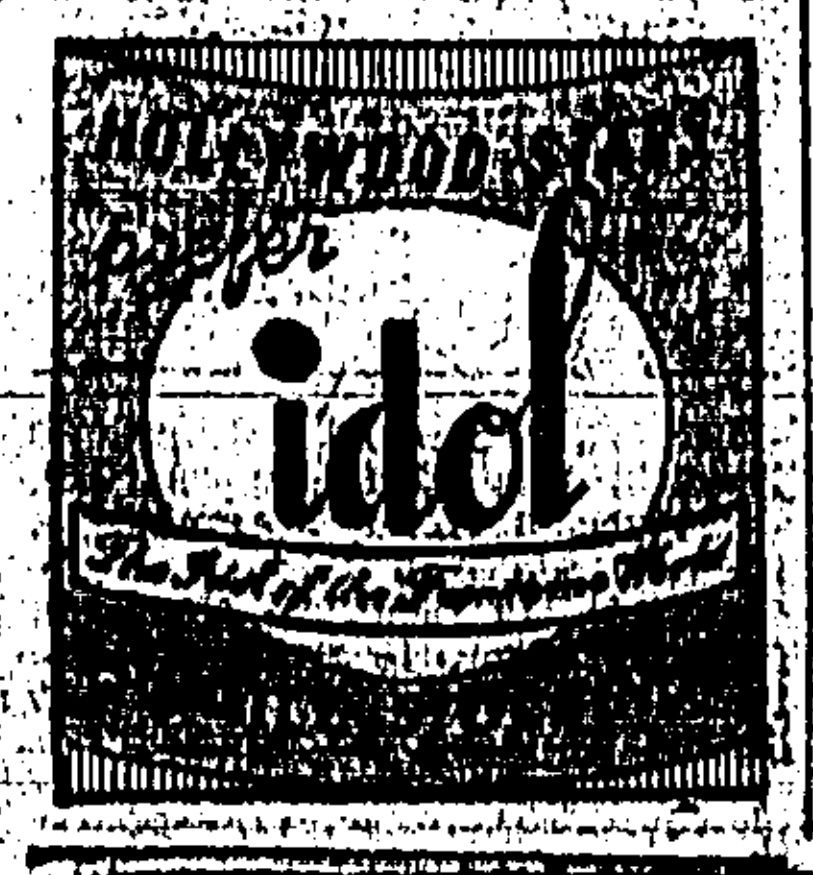
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Accused Take Witness Stand

That certain discarded materials in the PWD workshop, such as lamp shades, were, in addition to being unsuitable for installation in Government establishments, not Government property, was stated yesterday by Austin Spary, second accused in the PWD larceny trial, in the witness stand.

The result was that there was no Government inventory of such lamps, accused said, and many persons simply went into the depot and took them out as they liked.

Austin Spary, Grade 1 electrical inspector, and Kwok Kwong, forger, both of the PWD, are charged with 11 counts of larceny by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Kwok Kwong, first accused, in a statement from the dock yesterday, told the court he had been told by the police that he had one leg in the jail unless he told them all that he knew. He further alleged he was told that the matter would have nothing to do with him at all, and that he was told to tell all about the Europeans.

Mr. Percy Chen, counsel for Kwok, at yesterday's start of hearing, tendered his apologies to the court for his absence the day before, and stated that the plans which were to leave Shanghai on Tuesday had been delayed on account of the fog.

Mr. V.L. D'Alton, counsel for Spary, then rose and began his preliminary submissions with regard to the counts in the indictment against his client.

He submitted that there was not sufficient evidence to substantiate the various counts, in the first count relating to the theft of 600 yards of electric cable, which was claimed to be in possession of His Majesty, no sufficient evidence had been adduced to show that either the property or the possession of this cable was in the Crown.

All the evidence adduced by the prosecution, exclusively from the witness Ho Ting, he went on, showed that Ho Ting claimed to have received the cable from one Ho Sung.

It meant that the mere fact that the cable was handed over by Ho Sung to Ho Ting on the premises of the PWD at Wanchai was insufficient to show that the PWD owned the cable.

Mr. D'Alton went on to submit that the cable could have been obtained by Ho Sung at any shop in Kowloon or Hong Kong. This was shown by the fact, he said, that the prosecution had failed to show any such cable was missing from Government stores.

With regard to the second count, in which Spary is accused of having stolen two or more fluorescent lamps in possession of His Majesty, counsel said evidence had been adduced by two prosecution

witnesses, Ho Ting and Mr. Brown, to show that considerable quantities of materials, including fluorescent lamp shades, were abandoned by the Japanese when they left.

The prosecution, Mr. D'Alton said, had not proved that the two lamp shades in question were missing from any stores issued by the PWD.

Counsel submitted that, in law, things of which the ownership had been abandoned were not capable of being stolen.

As to the fifth count, the theft of 650 yards of electric cable Mr. D'Alton submitted that none of the evidence in the legal definition of "larceny" had been proved against Spary.

The same consideration regarding the failure of the prosecution to prove ownership applied in the case of the fifth count, he said. The prosecution had not proved that the cable, or any other cable, was missing from Government stores despite considerable time having elapsed since the commencement of the alleged offence.

Mr. D'Alton submitted that in that question the prosecution could not escape the onus of proving their case in the affirmative merely by alleging the absence of a possibility of holding a complete check.

With regard to the sixth count, that of obtaining money by false pretences, counsel said the prosecution had produced no evidence of the intent to defraud which, he submitted, was an essential element of the offence.

Counsel then went on to deal with the other counts, and submitted that there was insufficient evidence to show any criminal connection of participation in the work carried out in the electrical jobs.

When counsel had at length finished dealing with the counts, he concluded by submitting that no evidence had been adduced by the prosecution to show that Spary had anything to do with the alleged larceny, distribution sheets, or that he was in any way aware that men were being used on private jobs and paid by Government.

Moreover, he went on, the proof of the charge must rest upon evidence that had been discredited by the testimony given by prosecution witnesses, who had shown that the records of the workshop were deliberately misused in order to provide for the needs of the workshop in question.

Mr. Chen also submitted that his client had no case to answer to those counts in which he was charged with obtaining money by false pretences.

Replying, Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, said that with regard to Mr. D'Alton's first submission, which was that the indictment did not allege sufficient particulars as to the agency through which possession was claimed, it boiled down to a submission that the indictment was uncertain in its particulars.

It was a very large stage in which to take objection, he said, but he submitted that the indictment should have been applied for at an earlier date, he said.

As regards the submission of insufficient evidence on the various counts, Mr. Hooton stated that that was a pure excellence case of systematic stealing in the case of the Crown, and that it was not possible to dissect count from count.

Mr. Hooton further submitted that the whole of the allegation and evidence was logically probative against the accused.

As to the electrical job at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, counsel said there was evidence Ho Ting, that 600 yards of lighting cable were taken out of the Wanchai workshop on Spary's instructions, and that they were installed at the Yacht Club premises.

Mr. Hooton then referred to the count of obtaining money by false pretences and submitted that the defence submission was total by way of denial. He further submitted that it was clear that Spary must have known there had been no contractor, and that it was also clear that there was intention to defraud. He drew the court's attention particularly to the bills cashed by Kwok's brother.

Mr. Hooton finally submitted that in all the counts the Crown had adduced sufficient evidence to go before the jury.

Mr. Justice Reynolds deliberated for some time, after which he announced that both accused had cases to answer.

Kwok Kwong then made a statement from the dock, during which he stated that Spary did tell him to get some contractors to do the electrical work. Kwok told him to use Government workmen.

Kwok went on to say that he was told to find his own way to cash the cheques, which was an order cheque. When it was cashed the next day he handed the money to Ho Sung.

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After that he told of the various things which he claimed, namely, the automatic lamp shades, the electrical work, which he had done at the Leighton Hill flat, particularly the steel shutters, which were designed by him.

Among his other jobs, he said, were the re-fixing of the Queen Mary Hotel, the Stanley Prison, the Colonial Secretary's Office and the General Post Office building.

As to the re-wiring of the Yacht Club, Spary stated, Mr. Forsythe, came one day to his office and talked with him regarding Government work. After some discussion, Mr. Forsythe mentioned the Yacht Club wiring. It was in a bad state, Mr. Forsythe had said, according to Spary.

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Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mrs. J.J. Young, Mrs. E.M. Hinder, Mrs. H. van der Hoeven, Messrs. H.G. Fabian, J.L. Evaristo, N.A.J. de Voogd, K. Colegas, R.E. Solih, S.E. Appart, G.M. Corbett, V.C. Sales, and A.R. Smith.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. For C. Hwa, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vago, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. S. Dault, Messrs. M.E. Ramsey, A.E. Houseman, I.M. Anderson, M.E. Meriman, C.C. Chapman, Claf. Fischer, F.C. Gilray, Martin Koh, C.C. Campbell and R. T. Tange.

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Exhibition of paintings by Mr. Wong Tuk-tung, Hotel Cecil.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
International Rugby Tournament, first round, Causeway Bay, League soccer matches, first and second division.
Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Wong Tuk-tung, Hotel Cecil.
SUNDAY
Classical Concert, Tse H. Club, Talbot House, 50 MacDonnell Road, 8.45 p.m.
Hockey, European YMCA, vs. Khalsa, YMCA ground, 10 a.m.
Talk on "William Temple", Archbishop of Canterbury, by the Rev. Mr. C. P. Smith, St. Stephen's YMCA, (Admission 50c), 8 p.m.
HK Art Club sketching party, at residence of Mr. Chan Keng-chi, North Point, members are to assemble at Queen's Pier, at 10.30 a.m.
Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Wong Tuk-tung, Hotel Cecil, HK Dog Show, Race Course, Happy Monday.

MONDAY
Meeting, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m. (tea will be served at 8.15 p.m.)
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ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th of February to Saturday the 5th of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

REMINDER HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 21, 1949.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on February 11, 1949.

NOTICE

We beg to announce that Mr. Pong Wing Tong and Mr. Leo Wah Chue have joined us as Directors and Chinese Advisory Managers.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 4/1949.

A marine boiler, unserviceable, whose approximate dimensions are length 9' 6", diameter 11' 0", shell ¾" thick, has been salvaged from Causeway Bay Shelter and is now lying on the Praya Wall at Tai Kok Tsui.

Unless this boiler is claimed before 28th February, 1949, it will be sold to defray salvage costs.

N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.
Marine Office,
Hong Kong, Feb. 2, 1949.

NOTICE

We have moved our office from 201, Victory House to Room 112, Marina House on the 1st. February, 1949.

T. A. Pearce & Co.,
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

First Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 12th February, 1949.

There are nine races, the first will be run at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last at 6.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all this etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72118).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947,

and
IN THE MATTER of Chee Seng Tong, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the abovenamed company has lost its Memorandum of Association and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at No. 48A Bonham Strand West, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, or at the office of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan & Co., No. 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, the solicitors for the company, at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such proposed new Memorandum of Association should state briefly in writing the nature of the objections to such proposed new Memorandum of Association and should file the same with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with the address for service within the Colony of the person objecting thereto not later than the 4th day of March, 1949.

Dated the 21st day of January, 1949.

C. Y. KWAN,
Solicitors for
Chee Seng Tong, Limited.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

NOTICE

Mr. G. Goodyear is no longer employed by The Advertising and Publicity Bureau, Ltd.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., (1933) LTD.

REVISION OF FARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from the 1st day of February, 1949, the undermentioned Bus Routes will be divided into Sectional Stages and fares will be charged as follows:—

Route No. 1. Star Ferry and Kowloon City.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, and Prince Edward Road.

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- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
- Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.

Route No. 2. Star Ferry and Shamshuipo.
Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
- Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Shum Shui Po.

Route No. 3. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 4. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 5. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

Via: Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Austin Road.
- Austin Road and Kowloon Dock Gate.
- Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
- Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 6. Star Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
- Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
- Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 7. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
- Pakhoi Street and Peace Avenue.
- Peace Avenue and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 8. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Knight Street, Cumberland Road and Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
- Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 9. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Argyle Street, Waterloo Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Star Ferry and Pakhoi Street.
- Pakhoi Street and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Kowloon Hospital.
- Kowloon Hospital and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 10. Star Ferry and The Monument.

Via: Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Carnarvon Road, Kimberley Road, Austin Road, Cox's Path and Jordan Road.

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Route No. 11. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon City.

Via: Jordan Road, Gascogne Road, Chatham Road, Matauwei Road, Tam Kung Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon Dock Gate.
- Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
- Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.

Route No. 12. Jordan Road Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.

Via: Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road (Shumshuipo), Yen Chow Street and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
- Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 13. Jordan Road Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

Via: Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

- Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.
- Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
- Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.
- Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

SCALE OF CHARGES

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10 cents will be charged for the first Sectional Stage or part thereof, and 10 cents for the subsequent Sectional Stages or part thereof (i.e., 20 cents Through Fare).

British Service Men (Army, Navy and Air Force Personnel) in uniform and children under the age of 12 years will be carried at 10 cents through fare only. Children under the age of 4 years not occupying a seat and accompanied by an adult passenger may be carried free of charge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the company reserves its rights to introduce Two Class Accommodation (i.e. First and Second Class) in the buses operated by the company, and to adjust the fares (within the rates prescribed by this Licence) at any time, upon reasonable notice being given.

MONTHLY TICKETS & SCHOOL CHILDREN TICKETS

As from the Month of February, 1949, Monthly Tickets & School Children's Tickets will be issued at \$18.00 and \$8.00 per ticket respectively; the use of such tickets are restricted to Route Nos. 1 to 13 (inclusive) only, and can be obtained as follows:—

On 29th, 30th and 31st January and 1st, 2nd and 3rd February between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. at Tsim Tsa Tsui Bus Terminal Office, Kowloon, and thereafter at the Company's Office, 153 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, during regular business hours only.

School Children's Ticket entitles the holder to a maximum of 4 single journeys daily (Sundays omitted) and confined to the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. only.

School children making application for the first ticket shall produce for the Company's records a school certificate bearing his or her photograph.

Monthly Tickets and School Children's Tickets are available for the month of issue only.

The Company reserves the right to refuse the issue of Monthly Ticket or School Children's Ticket to any person whom they consider ineligible.

Dated the 27th day of January, 1949.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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FORCING PASS LETHAL

ONE of the most murderous of bridge weapons is the forcing pass. It gives your partner an option between doubling an opponent's bid and making a bid of his own. It is difficult for some players to know just when a pass is forcing. The situations vary, but generally are marked by knowledge of the partner's hand. A perfectly safe bid or double did not. His reason for not bidding could be only for the purpose of giving his associate the lethal option.

Under the natural meaning applying to such a forcing pass, North was obliged to bid or double. If he did not wish to double, he must make some bid—even though his first call, 2 Spades had indicated the maximum his hand contained. A bid in that situation would have disclosed surplus strength; it would have been based on the surplus strength in South's hand as revealed by his forcing pass.

But North did want to double, most emphatically wanted to. When this scared East into trying an escape with 4-Diamonds, South took a crack at him. West naturally shifted then into his partner's first suit of hearts, since he supported the suit equally.

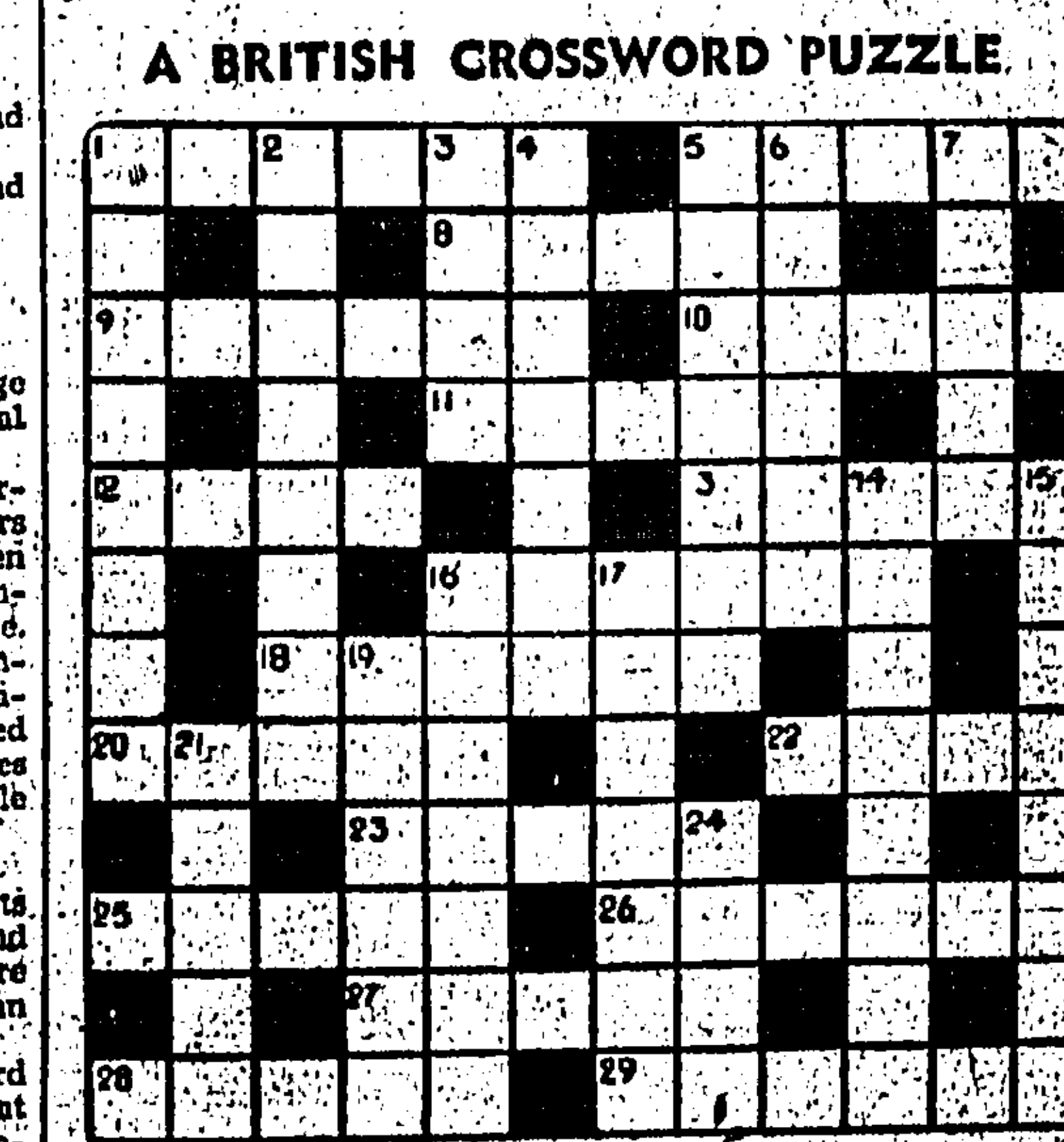
Down four for 700 points, where even three down would have beaten any score by North and South at a contract of their own.

Why is a singleton in your hand, after your partner had bid both a major suit and No Trumps, a factor encouraging you to favour a suit contract? Is it because it is a liability at No Trumps or because it is an asset at trump play, or both?

South of course heard North make his "free bid" of 2-Spades over West's 2-Clubs. It was therefore a certainty to North that South could have made some perfectly sound bid if East had passed—either 3-Spades or

Next Question

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- Alarm
- Base
- signal
- Church
- Automaton
- land
- Part of church
- 23 Domestic
- Dance
- 25 Decree
- 26 Decree
- 27 Kind of net
- 28 Requested
- 29 Enclosed in
- 16 Hang down
- 17 wraps

Down

- Falling over
- 14 Military officer
- Talk
- 15 Judgment
- Detail
- 16 Famed
- Observed
- 17 Bids
- Doctored
- 18 Hunt
- Prayer
- 21 Ethics
- 22 Dejected
- 23 Command
- 24 Ramp
- 25 Interim
- 26 31 Jota
- 27 Usher
- 28 Null
- 29 DOWN—1 Greet
- 2 Obviate
- 3 Stub
- 11 Abate
- 13 Lend
- 14 Need
- 15 Erect
- 17 Afar
- 18 Seem
- 20 In
- 21 Mine
- 24 Vial
- 25 Snow
- 27 Ago
- 28 Plan

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Arid, 7 Probe, 8 Cray, 9 Slip, 10 Deviate, 12 Klan, 15 Abuse, 18 Stub, 19 Issue, 21 Fleet, 22 Mend, 23

"Casbah"



Peter Lorre, detective, questions Yvonne de Carlo, choruser of the Casbah, in his search for the notorious Pepe le Moko (Tony Martin).

Behind The Veil — A Crooner

At the outset, let it be stated that "Casbah," the next offering at the King's, is bound to give most patrons their money's worth in entertainment. This must be made clear first because the following remarks might be construed to mean that the film is less than perfect. Let's face it: It is.

The story, based on the novel "Pepe Le Moko" by Detective Ashbel, concerns the efforts of a French Jew thief, Pepe le Moko (Tony Martin), to avoid arrest by exiling himself to the Casbah, inner city of Algiers. While he is there he is safe. So far, so good. In their publicity, Universal International make a mighty song-and-dance about having shot some 20,000 feet of film of the real Casbah and of having used about a quarter of it in the final production. So far, even better.

With a good story to work on and enough authentic shots to make ten travelogues it must have occurred to someone that the material was available with which to turn out, at the very least, an honest, believable piece of light drama with an unusual and interesting setting.

But no, never let it be said that there is enough entertainment in the activities of a hunted criminal, at the very least, to make the band stops and the furtive glances begin to dance. Not sufficient is his constant awareness of danger; his never-ending need for vigilance; his nerve-tautening knowledge that complete relaxation can never be his.

No indeed. He must shrug off his villainy from time to time, step smartly and completely out of character, and skip around the rooftops, crooning love songs in a slinky tenor. That the songs are pleasingly rendered and not displeasing to hear can hardly be called justification.

Into the bargain, he is beset first by the disturbing attractions of Yvonne de Carlo, whose presence in the Casbah might find credible, though unlikely, and then by the equally disturbing loveliness of Maria Toren of whom a cameraman is reported to have remarked, coyly no doubt, "Her eyes are the windows of her beauty." In this case her eyes are the windows of a flossy-edged phantasy which might have been a good picture.

Some comfort may be drawn from the fact that Peter Lorre is present in the cast. As the detective whose wearying task it is to watch patiently the opportunity to arrest Pepe le Moko he is, as usual, both entertaining and convincing.

Though their appearance is all too brief, Katherine Dunham and her troupe of dancers light up the film with their art in the festival scenes.

Honour must go, too, to John Berry for his work as director. It was presumably not his decision to serve candy floss instead of steak.

CINEMA WORLD

Fate, Hope And Calamity Jane

The only thing which seems genuinely wrong with "Paleface" (Paramount feature for the Queen's this week) is that Bing Crosby is not present. This is a pointless criticism, of course, but one which undoubtedly will be made by just as many as thought "Emperor Waltz" failed through the lack of Bob Hope.

This is a direct result of the famous Crosby-Hope "Road" series which established them as a team. To the public it now seems as silly to separate Crosby from Hope as once it would have been to split Laurel and Hardy. This is not meant as a reflection on Mr. Crosby's expanding waistline. It has quite a little way to go before reaching the magnificence of the Hardy bulge.

Nevertheless, "Paleface" is unlikely to fail. Bob Hope is in his element as Painless Peter Potter, itinerant dentist, tied by chance and matrimony to the holster straps of Calamity Jane, admirably suited to the part, by Jane Russell. For the record: Miss Russell remains adequately covered throughout.

All the nonsense starts through Calamity Jane's being commissioned to snare a gang of renegades who are causing the Indians to whom it up to the danger of the white settlers in the wild and, to coin a phrase, woolly West.

The meeting between the buxom Jane and Painless Pete takes place in a public bath-house. Jane's natural attractions, though adequately covered, mind you, prove a distraction to the gum-digger, somewhat to the peril of his patient on whom he is performing with the delicacy usually confined to the art of cattle-branding.

One thing leads to several others, and we find our hero battling with the bad men with tremendous success—considerably more than he achieves in the pursuit of marital happiness with his hefty bride. He does, however, find a certain amount of favour among the lovelies in the dancehall "Dirty Shame". He warns these ladies "Don't fight over me girls. I'll be around a while. I may ruffle myself off for tonight. Stand by."

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Honesty Hits The Jackpot

"I'll Be Yours", current attraction at the Lee, deals to a fairly large extent with the tribulations of a young lawyer who persists in being honest. It is thus assured of being the cause of a least one hearty laugh.

The lawyer (Tom Drake), of course is not the feature of the film. He is there solely to give Deanna Durbin a reason for flitting girlishly hither and yon, trilling from time to time in a very satisfactory fashion and being generally more than a little decorative.

Labouring under the name of Louise Cloughessy and hailing from some remote whistlopost, Miss Durbin is manoeuvred into New York armed with a letter of introduction to a theatre manager and little else.

The latter gets her a job as an usherette, a task which apparently allows her more freedom of action than one would imagine. After establishing shots of her in uniform the theatre is quietly ignored.

Through the genial attentions of a hush-house waiter (William Bendix), who has what one would imagine to be the suicidal habit of selling 45 cent meals for 35 cents, the little songbird becomes emotionally tangled with the legal angel. Through the machinations of the same amiable food-dispenser she becomes entangled with a millionaire-wolf played with his customary suavity by Adolphe Menjou.

With the deft twist here and the elephantine shove there, the plot is stretched into a shape to accommodate the complications attendant upon such goings on. A

MUSIC, MIRTH, MELODRAMA

Either to precede or follow "Paleface" at the Queen's in the near future is the latest of the "Thin Man" series. For the sixth time William Powell and Myrna Loy maintain amiable relations as Nick and Nora Charles through the thick of the thin gentleman's sleuthing. "Song Of The Thin Man" is the title this time and an entertaining roundelay it is. Without delay the action starts with the murder of a bandleader on a gambling ship and the eminent Mr. Charles is roped in to unravel the mighty tangle which inevitably follows.

Those who consider murder a suitable end for bandleaders on gambling ships or elsewhere had better stay quietly at home with the "China Mail" or some such uplifting publication, as bands play (in both senses) quite a prominent part in the film's action.

In this connection, Keenan Wynn is present as "Clinker" Krause, a helpful musician. Patrons with hysterical tendencies are requested to throw their fits in the aisles and not over the other customers. Present also are Dean Stockwell, as the precocious son of the slender couple; Gloria Grahame, an ideal amouleur on which to rest one's weary (masculine) head; and, of course, Asta. It is understood that this intelligent brat is the son of the original Asta who died a while back of old age.

Both Edward Buzzell, MGM's director for this effort, and the writing team of Steve Fisher and Nat Perrin deserve a fair hand for presenting a ha dome slice of excitement with amusement sauce.

deliciously happy ending is, of course, presented ultimately like a slice of marzipan floating in a bowl of syrup.

If criticism were to be aimed at "I'll Be Yours" (though one realises that such a happily concluded confection is above any carping) it would be that the whole thing is so crammed with good deeds and swathed in felicity that it seems to have been lifted whole from the Reader's Digest. As the original story was written by Ferenc Molnar, however, this is unlikely.

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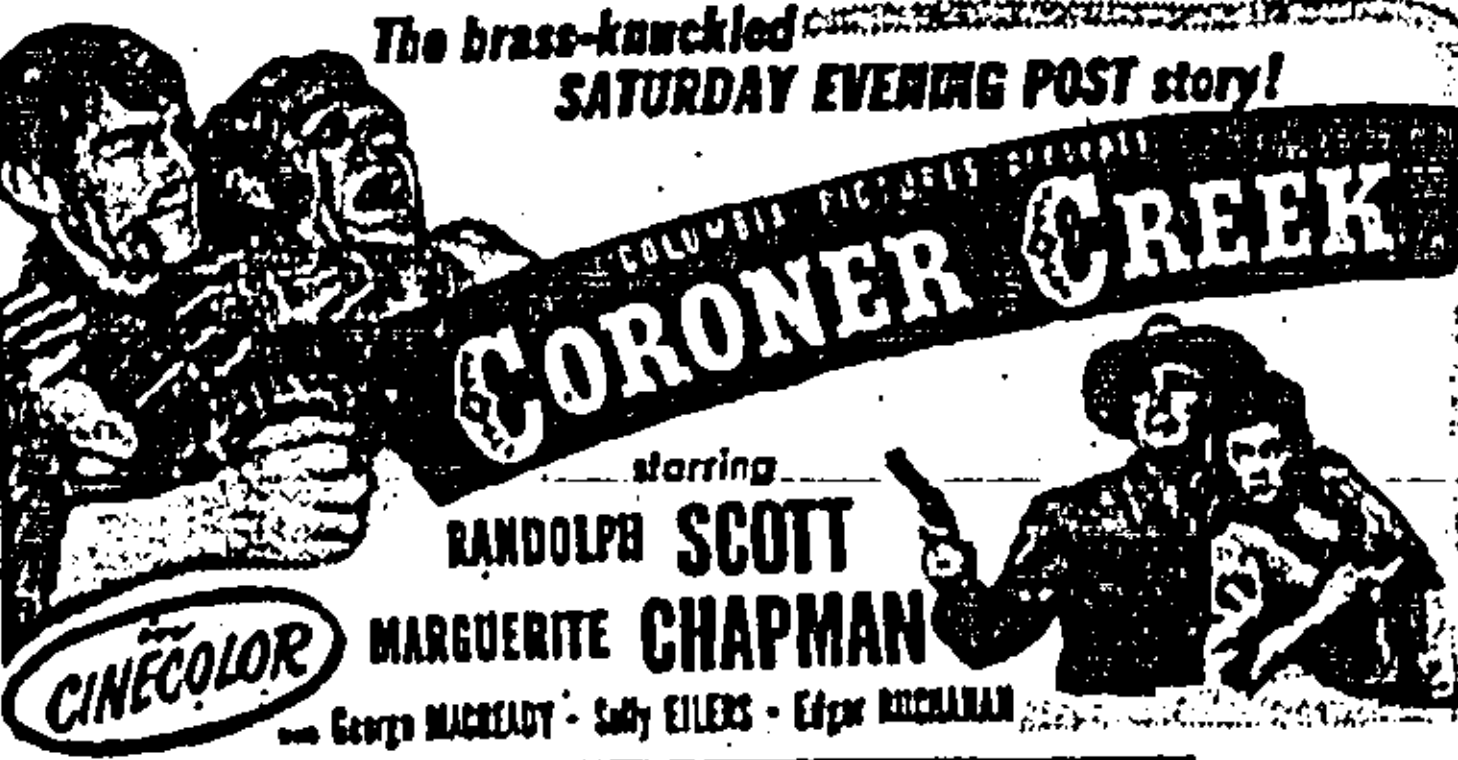
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When we feel the necessity, as frequently we do, of exposing and attacking the anomalies and the stupidities of the operation in Hong Kong of the Colony's immigration laws, we should perhaps pause occasionally and be grateful that at least the executive officer in charge is not Mr. Calwell, Australia's Minister of State for Immigration. Sometimes, our local authorities are prepared to cut through red tape; sometimes they are prepared to stretch a point in favour of the would-be immigrant; sometimes they set themselves out to please rather than give offence. Not so our Mr. Calwell! Undismayed by the gusts of criticism which have buffeted him from every side since his assumption of office—similar to the storm of protest created by his decision to deport an Indonesian woman and eight children, the offspring of an Australian father—he has now perpetrated an order governing the entry into Australia on a temporary residence basis of amahs and servants of non-European race, which is so extraordinary as to make so much nonsense, if it is not to be regarded as an insult. In effect, it prohibits such entry unless the employer is an ambassador or otherwise attached to an Embassy or Legation, unless the employer is a British or foreign government official visiting Australia on official business, or unless the employer is an Indian or Pakistani tourist or business man! The last clause is, of course, the contentious and irritating justification for umbrage. Mr. Calwell has the right to make any order he likes. It seems too much, apparently, to ask that when so doing, he should think its possible consequences through to their final stage. In this particular instance, the net effect is astounding in the extreme. The fetish of the White Australia policy takes on a peculiar hue when the only individuals permitted to travel to Australia as tourists, with a servant of non-European race, should be themselves non-Europeans—Indians and Pakistanis. If Australia is keen on cultivating trade relations with India, let that be, but where is the possible logic in prohibiting an Australian resident of Hong Kong when proceeding home on short furlough from taking his amah with his family. Or for that matter, any British resident of Hong Kong and Singapore, who is planning a holiday in Australia. It makes neither rhyme nor reason: merely, as so many more of Mr. Calwell's outbreaks of restrictive activity, for bad feeling.

Sand Storm

Between motive and performance great gulfs can easily appear. Government may not be too severely criticised, therefore, for deciding upon the settling up of a sand monopoly rather than permit more or less haphazard collection with little guarantee that collection would be always restricted to authorised beaches. The vigorous protests that have been lodged against the manner in which the system works do however present a definite picture, and warrant, if nothing more, a searching departmental enquiry. Basically, the methods of the Monopoly are wasteful and badly organised in them-

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CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

Simultaneously with all these operations on the North equally decisive movements were progressing in the South. The principal line of advance was South East down the Danube Valley toward Linz, with the purpose of joining up with the Russians in Austria. Since Bradley's offensive in the sector had already gained its objectives we had the Third Army available to conduct this drive while the Sixth Army Group gave its entire attention to overrunning the Redoubt area farther to the South and West. In order to make certain of Devers' rapid advance we assigned to him the U.S. 13th Airborne Division to use whenever he deemed advisable. So rapid, however, were the ground advances that the 13th Airborne Division was not needed and, as it turned out, this was the only American division to enter Europe that never engaged in active battle.

The advance of the Third Army down the Danube began on April 22. The enemy made an attempt at defence at Regensburg but both the III and XX Corps quickly established bridgeheads across the Danube East and West of the city and advanced rapidly down the river. The XII Corps' 11th Armoured Division plunged head on May 1 to receive the surrender of the German garrison at Linz in Austria.

With his main forces pushing down the Danube, Patton's Third Army was now reinforced by the V Corps from Hodges' army. Patton directed the V to push Eastward into Czechoslovakia. The corps captured Pilsen on May 6. In this area the Russian forces were rapidly advancing from the East and careful co-ordination was again necessary. By agreement we directed the American troops to occupy the line Pilsen—Karlsbad, while South of Czechoslovakia the agreed line of junction ran down the Budweis—Linz railroad and from there along the valley of the Enns River.

The final major move of Patch's Seventh Army in Devers' army group began on April 22. On the right flank the XV Corps moved down the Danube and turned Southward to strike at Munich, the place of origin of the Nazi movement. That great city was captured on April 30. On May 4 the 3rd Division of the same corps captured Berchtesgaden. Other troops occupied Salzburg. The defences of the entire sector disintegrated.

The XXI and VI Corps of the Seventh Army crossed the Danube April 22 and advanced steadily toward the National Redoubt. On May 3, Innsbruck was taken and the 103rd Division of the VI Corps pushed on into the Brenner Pass. There on the Italian side of the international boundary, this American division of the Allied command met the American 88th Division of the U.S. Fifth Army, advancing from Italy. My prediction of a year and a half before that I would meet the soldiers of the Mediterranean command "in the heart of the enemy homeland" was fulfilled.

Throughout the front principal objectives in all sectors were attained by the end of April or their early capture was a certainty. The great advances had the effect of multiplying many of the administrative, maintenance, and organisational problems with which we constantly had to wrestle.

Again a tremendous strain was placed upon our supply lines. Distance alone would have been enough to stop our spearheads had we been dependent solely upon surface transport, efficient as it was. Distant and fast-moving columns were sometimes almost solely dependent upon air supply, and during April we kept 1500 transport planes constantly working in our supply system. They became known as "flying boxcars" and were never more essential than in these concluding stages of the war. Besides these planes we stripped and converted many heavy bombers to the same purpose. During the month of April the air forces delivered to the front lines 60,000 tons of freight, in which was included 10,000,000 gallons of gasoline.

Our troops were everywhere swarming over Western Germany and there were few remaining targets against which the air force could be directed without danger of dropping their bombs on either our own or the Russian troops. In the late days of the war, however, the air force carried out two im-

portant bombing raids. One was by British Bomber Command against the fortress island of Heligoland, which was attacked in order to help Montgomery in case he found it necessary to assault across the Kiel Canal. The other was by the U.S. Eighth Air Force against Berchtesgaden. That stronghold and symbol of Nazi arrogance was thoroughly pounded with high explosives. The bombing took place when we still thought the Nazis might attempt to establish themselves in their National Redoubt with Berchtesgaden as the capital. The photo reconnaissance units brought back pictures that showed our bombs had reduced the place to a shambles; from them we derived a gleeful and understandable satisfaction.

On each return trip from the front our transports and converted bombers brought back prisoners. These men were concentrated at convenient camps for rehabilitation and early transfer to the homelands. Near Le Havre, in one camp alone, called Lucky Strike, we had at one time 47,000 recovered American prisoners. The British had similar camps at various places in North West France and Belgium. The recovery of so many prisoners in such a short space of time presented delicate problems to the Medical Corps, to the Transport Service, and indeed to all of us. In many instances the physical condition of the prisoners was so poor that great care had to be exercised in their feeding. The weaker ones were hospitalised and for a period our hospitals were crowded with men whose joy at returning to their own people was almost pathetic, but who at the same time were suffering so badly from malnutrition that only expert care could save them. Some of the Americans had been prisoners since the early battles in Tunisia in December 1942. On

the British side we recovered men who had been captured at Dunkirk in 1940.

One day I had an appointment to meet five United States senators. As they walked into my office I received a telegram from a staff officer, stating that a newspaper article alleged the existence of the Lucky Strike camp of intolerable conditions. The story said that men were crowded together, were improperly fed, lived under unsanitary conditions, and were treated with an entire lack of sympathy and understanding. The policy was exactly the opposite. Automatic furloughs to the States had been approved for all liberated Americans and we had assigned specially selected officers to care for them.

Even if the report should prove partially true it represented a very definite failure to carry out strict orders somewhere along the line. I determined to go to see for myself and told my pilot to get my plane ready for instant departure. I turned to the five senators, apologised for my inability to keep my appointment, and explained why it was necessary for me to depart instantly for Lucky Strike. I told them, however, that if they desired to talk with me they could accompany me on the trip. I pointed out that at Lucky Strike they would have a chance to visit with thousands of recovered prisoners of war and that at no other place could they find such a concentration of American citizens. They all accepted with alacrity.

In less than two hours we arrived at Lucky Strike and started our inspection. We rounded around the camp and found no basis for the startling statements made in the disturbing telegram. There were only two points concerning which our men exhibited any impatience. The first of these was the food. It was of good quality and well cooked but the doctors would not permit salt, pepper, or any other kind of seasoning to be used because they were considered damaging to men who had undergone virtual starvation over periods ranging from weeks to years. The senators and I had dinner with the men and we agreed that a completely unsensitized diet was lacking in taste appeal. However, it was a technical point on which I did not feel capable of challenging the doctors.

The other understandable complaint was the length of time that men were compelled to stay in the camp before securing transportation to America. This was owing to lack of ships. Freighters, which constituted the vast proportion of our overseas transport service at that stage of the war, were not suited for transportation of passengers. These ships lacked facilities for providing drinking water, toilet and other sanitary provisions were normally adequate only for the crew. The men did not know these things and it angered them to see ships leaving the harbour virtually empty when they were so anxious to go home.

So pleased did the soldiers seem to be by our visit that they followed us around the camp by the hundreds. When we finally returned to the plane we found that an enterprising group had installed a loud-speaker system, with the microphone at the door of my plane. A committee of sergeants came up and rather diffidently said that the men would like to see and hear the commanding general. There were some fifteen to twenty thousand in the crowd around the plane.

To Be Continued



That strange sound you heard was just the flap of a bird's eye.

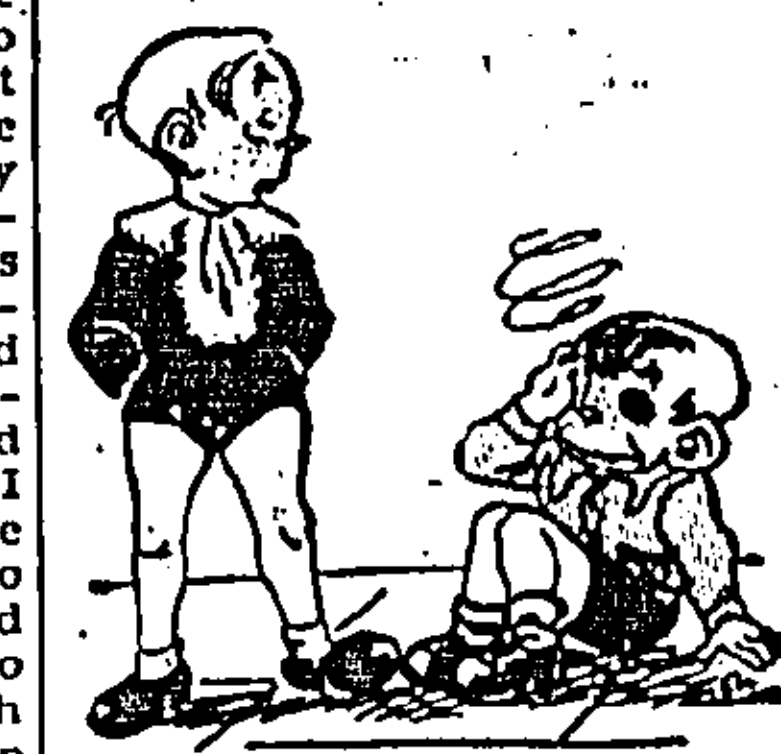
The Observatory report refers to an "excess of sunshine." Someone up there can't take the early morning glare?

Since Truman won't leave Washington and Stalin won't leave Europe, perhaps an exchange of photographs would do the trick.

"Murdered Two Wives"—after serving a long term of imprisonment for the first slaying. The courage of his conviction, evidently.

A Hong Kong court is seeking a close definition of "indecent." Have they never sampled the local version of the flannan had-dock?

No visas for Germans, decrees Washington. Passports inutile.



Five babies an hour were born in Hong Kong last year, we are told. Wonderful! And probably if you laid them end to end in three ranks, it still would not stop them yelling at four o'clock in the morning!

"Sudden Disappearance of HK\$10 Value." Sudden? We've been here since 1945 and thought it had been a dignified and steady progression.

Communists Warned Not To Advance Any Further," says a headline. "You would! You would! Smack! Well, I said you would!"

Heard on the deck of an incoming AP liner: "Mummy, there's a Chinaman, but where's his pigtail?" "Silly, he's a Hong Kong man."

Bicycle-saddles are now made of compressed fibre. Experiments continue with a view to producing a machine with moustache handle-bars.

A 22-months-old baby is said to smoke two cigars a day. One wonders whether a child of that age should be trusted with matches.

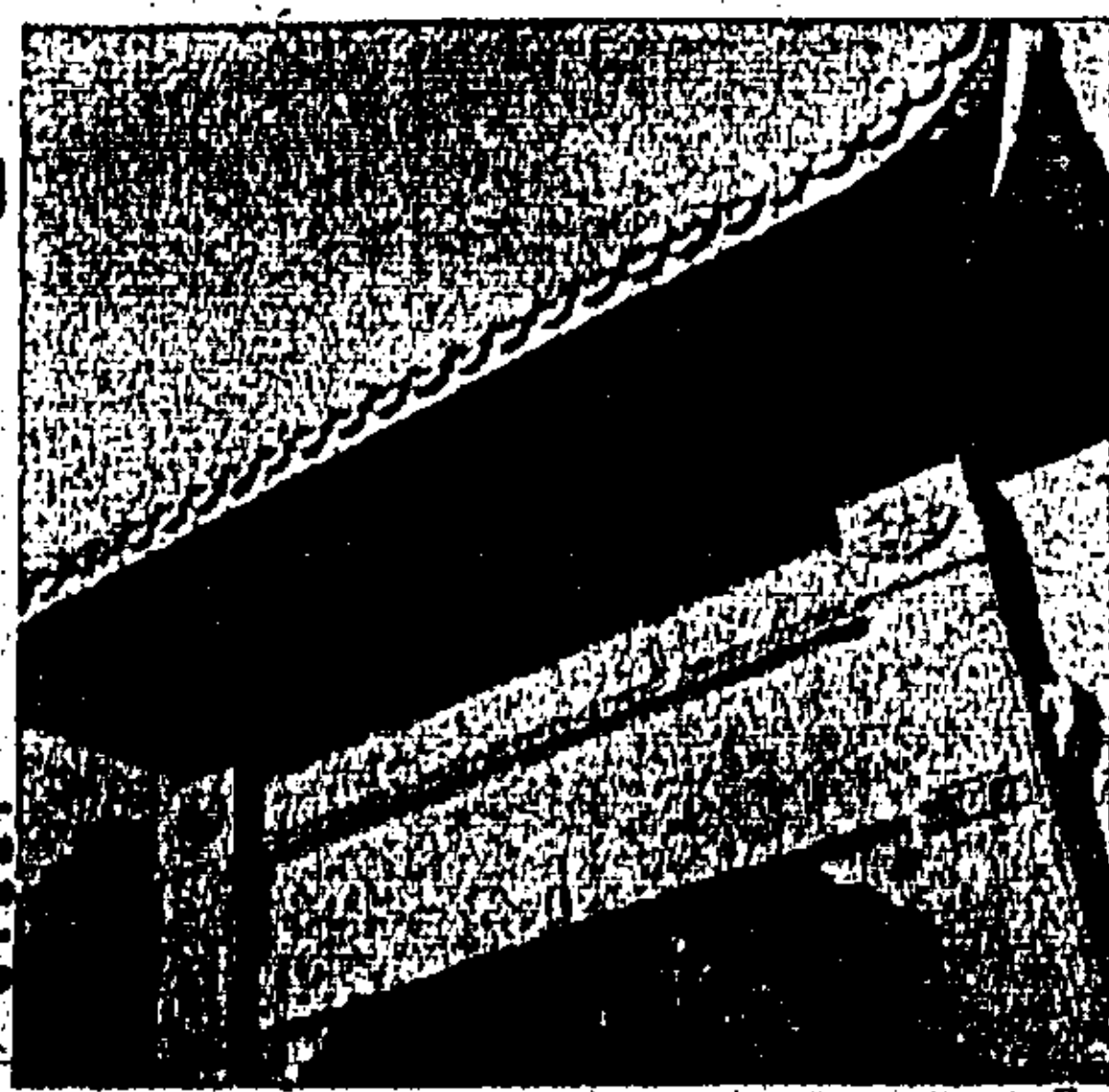
RAF officers, asked what Kai Tak aerodrome is like, describe it as a piece of cake.

Dr. Malan does not smoke or drink. He will be the first South African Premier to have an entirely Afrikaans-speaking Cabinet. He is also the first Premier who did not fight in the Boer War. He has never taken an active part in sport—Madras Mail. How can he fill in his time?

Parade of chars demanding higher wages in London, armed with mops and dusters. Charade?

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U.S. REJECTS STALIN OFFER

THIS WAS STALIN'S ANSWER TO INVITATION

London, February 2. Moscow Radio tonight broadcast the text of Premier Stalin's message to Mr. Kingsbury Smith, European General Manager of the International News Service.

It read: "To Mr. Kingsbury Smith, European General Manager, International News Service Agency, Paris. In answer to your telegram of February 1, I thank President Truman for the invitation to go to Washington. To visit Washington has long been my desire, which I expressed to President Roosevelt in Yalta and President Truman in Potsdam."

"I regret that at present I am deprived of the possibility of carrying out this desire of mine, since doctors strongly object to my making any long journey, especially by air or sea."

"The Government of the Soviet Union would welcome the President's visit to the USSR. A conference could be arranged in Moscow, Leningrad or Kaliningrad, Odessa or Yalta, according to the President's choice. If this would not inconvenience the President."

"If, however, these proposals should meet with the President's objection, a meeting could be arranged in Poland or Czechoslovakia, according to the President's wish."

"Respectfully, Stalin, February 2, 1949."—Reuter.

'No Discussions Without Other Interested Powers' CRITICISM OF MOSCOW

Washington, February 2.

Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, today rejected Generalissimo Stalin's offer to discuss a peace pact with President Truman.

Expressing his views, which, he said, are not contrary to those of President Truman, Mr. Acheson made a point by point reply to the suggestion made by Marshal Stalin regarding a peace pact and a settlement of the Berlin dispute and a meeting with President Truman.

The Secretary of State made the following points in his reply:

1. "The Government of the United States will not discuss with any nation any matter which is of direct interest to other nations without the direct participation of those other nations."

2. "The United States, together with other Western occupying powers, will carefully consider any proposal made to solve the Berlin problem consistent with their commitments and consistent with their rights, their duties and obligations as occupying powers."

3. "As soon as the Berlin question is resolved and the Soviet blockade lifted, the three Western powers are willing and ready to have a meeting to discuss the German and any other questions."

"Given a desire to solve these problems, there is no difficulty." The Secretary of State read to the press conference slowly the questions submitted by the International News Service to Marshal Stalin and the Soviet Premier's replies to them.

operation which is indicated in Premier Stalin's answer to this question."

"On the fourth question—the possibility of a meeting between President Truman and Marshal Stalin—he noted that the Soviet Premier is prevented, by health, from travelling by sea or air, and is seemingly 'effectively grounded'."

Tenuous Matter

"The implication of Premier Stalin's answer," he said, "is that the President of the United States for the fourth time should travel half way around the world to meet Premier Stalin and on this occasion for the purpose of talking to him on a matter as tenuous as it defies specific statements."

Mr. Acheson took the third question and answer of the interview, in which Stalin said the Soviet Union will lift the Berlin blockade if the Western powers postpone the setting up of the German Western Government and remove their own restrictions on transport and trade. He said this is the most interesting part of the interview.

because it refers to an actual issue between the United States and the Soviet Union."

Mr. Acheson made these statements on the policy of the three Western powers:

Western Policy

1. The preparatory work for a Western German Government is going forward as necessary for the accomplishment of the three Western powers.

2. It has always been the policy of the three Western powers that their own counter-measures to the Soviet blockade will be lifted if the Soviet Government lifts its blockade.

3. As soon as the Berlin question is resolved and the blockade lifted, the Council of Foreign Ministers can go forward with its work of discussing German and other post-war problems.

The Secretary of State criticized the Soviet Union for using the medium of press interviews rather than the normal diplomatic channels to make known the Soviet policy and suggestions.—Reuter.

Germany Competes With Britain

London, February 2.

British industrialists and trade union leaders tonight saw Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, to complain of German competition in world markets.

The industrialists gave Mr. Wilson a long list of German exports alleged to be undercutting British products.

SECRET LIST OF PRODUCTS

Washington, February 2. The Marshall Plan Administration has a "top secret" list of products it is trying to prevent being shipped "behind the iron curtain", Mr. Samuel Anderson, head of the industrial division, said today.

He was a witness before the Senate Banking Committee which is considering President Truman's request to extend for another 28 months the war-time export controls which expire this month.

Senator Glen Taylor (Democrat, Idaho) declared that Britain, France, Italy and other Marshall countries are shipping to Western Europe, products which American exporters are barred from sending there.—Reuter.

POLICE REPORTS ON STANLEY

London, February 2. The police reports on Sydney Stanley, the alien key witness in the tribunal which investigated allegations of corruption in British Government circles, have been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

A spokesman of the Scotland Yard Metropolitan Police headquarters said today that the papers in the case were sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions as a matter of course.—Reuter.

The list includes farm and textile machinery, motors and internal combustion engines, machine tools and scientific and optical instruments.

The Union leaders complained that some of these goods are produced by German workers earning little more than half the wages of their British counterparts.

There is secrecy tonight about the outcome of the conference, but it is announced that Mr. Wilson will soon make a statement to the House of Commons.

Tonight's talk lasted two hours. After the delegation had presented their case, Mr. Wilson defined his position.

Before today's talk Mr. Wilson held the view that he will not be justified in making any representations about German competition unless it is demonstrated to him that the Germans are using unfair methods, such as "dumping" of goods produced with subsidies.

British manufacturers will otherwise have to face German competition on the same basis as that of other exporting countries.—Reuter.

QUEEN MARY

London, February 2. The War Office announced today: "Her Majesty Queen Mary has expressed her willingness to accept the appointment of Commandant-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, which was formed as a corps of the regular Army on February 1."

"The War Office regrets that in a previous announcement Her Majesty's appointment was inadvertently described as Commander-in-Chief"—Reuter.

BEVIN URGED TO SEND ENVOY TO MADRID

London, February 2.

Opposition Members of Parliament tonight urged the Government to restore its Ambassador in Madrid.

Opening a discussion on Spain in the House of Commons, Mr. Charles Taylor, Conservative, asked if it is not "utterly inconsistent" to keep diplomatic representatives in East European totalitarian countries when there is no Ambassador in Madrid."

He also urged the Government to take a lead in advising the United Nations to admit Spain.

From 1940, Mr. Taylor said, one found increasing pressure by the British Government against Spain—pressure which can only lead to insurrection in Spain and to the ghastly consequences of another civil war."

Mr. Mont Pollock, Labour, who was in Spain last year, said General Franco told him that he intends to restore the monarchy. The Spanish Foreign Secretary, when in Buenos Aires, and he is a monarchist, Mr. Pollock declared.

"Pig-Headed" If there is one thing the Spaniards do not want it is another civil war. Rather than that, they will put up with Franco. The only way to put out Franco is to bring in the monarchy.

"I appeal to the Foreign Secretary to say that if the monarchy is restored to Spain Britain will recognise Spain and renew diplomatic relations," Mr. Pollock added.

Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, said: "Mr. Bevin is being as pig-headed today over Spain as he was over Ireland and in the long run he will probably have to give way."

"We badly need trade with Spain and if there is any question of the defence of Western Europe in future, Spain is vital."—Reuter.

Italy To Be Invited

Washington, February 3. Leading Government officials repeated today that Italy will be invited to join a North Atlantic Alliance as quickly as possible.

The State Department press officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, said that the State Department has issued no denial of this.

The officials said that formal invitations will be issued to Italy, Portugal, Iceland, Ireland, Norway and possibly Denmark shortly.

The Ambassadors of Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg are to meet Mr. Dean Acheson this week to formalise a decision about inviting more countries to join in a pact.—Associated Press.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photo shows the top of the main gateway to the South China Athletic Association's clubhouse at Caroline Hill.

Britain And HK Defence

London, February 2.

Britain will take all practicable measures for the defence of Hong Kong, the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, told the House of Commons today.

The Government, he added, is watching the situation in the Far East very carefully.

Asked what arrangements exist for dealing with the abnormally large numbers of Chinese wishing to enter Hong Kong, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said it will not be in the public interest to disclose the arrangements which have been made by the Colonial Government in concert with the Service authorities to meet the eventualities referred to.

Asked if the arrangements include a definite limitation of the number of people who will be allowed into Hong Kong in view of the danger to the colony and the difficulty of feeding the people, the Colonial Secretary said: "I can give the fullest assurance that that problem has been most fully considered."—Reuter.

COURT MARTIAL PROCEDURE

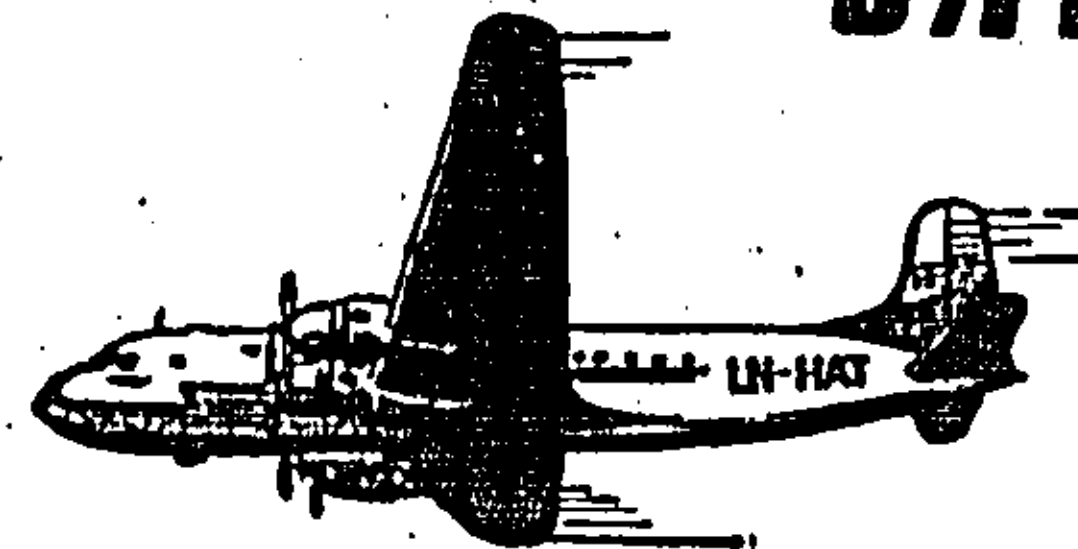
London, February 2.

Mr. C. Hale, Labour, asked the Defence Minister in the House of Commons today if he is prepared to direct that in a trial by court martial of any person below commissioned rank, at least one member of the court should be of equal rank with the accused.

Mr. A. V. Alexander replied that this is one of the questions arising from a report of the Committee on the Army and RAF Courts Martial, but the Government has not reached a decision on the recommendations of the report.

The matter is complete and under consideration, but he hopes a statement will be issued shortly as to the procedure to be adopted with regard to the report.—Reuter.

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Notorious Man To Go

Chelmsford, February 2.

Magistrates here today recommended that a former German prisoner of war, who gained wide publicity by being allowed to marry an English girl, be deported to Germany.

Werner Veltner, aged 23, was bound over to come up for sentence on March 9 on charges of housebreaking and thefts of property worth £218 at three London suburbs.

Veltner pleaded guilty to the charges. The prosecution said Veltner gained notoriety in 1947 when he caused an amendment in the British law by gaining permission to marry an English girl named Reynolds when he was in custody as a prisoner of war.

For the defence it was said today that Veltner, after his marriage, had been plagued with hundreds of poisonous letters and whenever he went for employment he had suffered accordingly.—Reuter.

Arms Cache At Airport

Manila, February 3.

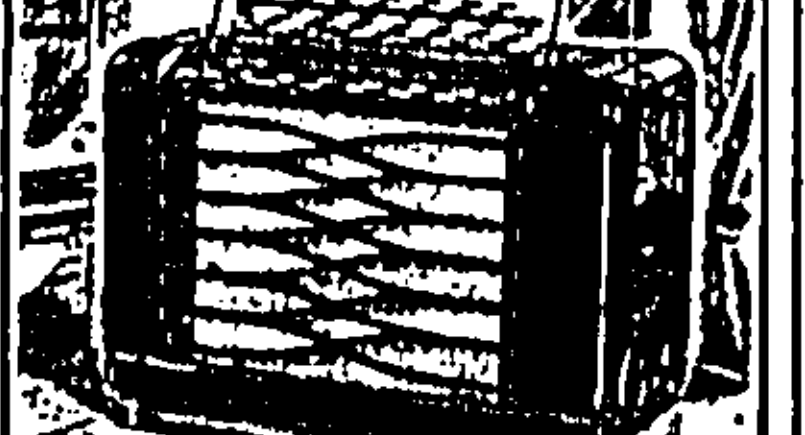
More than 1,000 machine-guns and an undisclosed quantity of spare parts have been excavated near the runway of Manila International Airport by security personnel of the National Airport Corporation.

The cache, worth an estimated half-million pesos, is merely a portion of United States Army surplus materials buried in the area.

A joint investigation may be conducted by the Philippine and United States authorities as a result of the discovery. It is believed the arms were buried there during the battle of liberation in 1945.—United Press.

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PUNITIVE ACTION IN MALAYAN CAMPAIGN

London, February 2.

The Communist Member, Mr. Philip Piratin, asked in the House of Commons today if the Colonial Secretary has any information about the burning of Lintang, Malaya, by British forces. He asked how many homes were burnt, how many people were rendered homeless, what accommodation was provided for them and why this measure was carried out.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones (Colonial Secretary) replied: "The bandits in this area, with the connivance and assistance of squatters from Lintang and other villages, had been responsible for the murder of three British planters, the killing and wounding of 19 Gurkhas and other outrages.

"In the course of operations by the police and military against this place, beginning on October 20, over 400 squatters were removed to more settled areas, together with their livestock, property and huts.

"The only huts destroyed were those of people known to have assisted the bandits, or those which could not be removed and left intact, would have been used subsequently by the bandits. No one was transferred from the area.

Filipinos Abroad To Register?

Manila, February 2.

Senator Fernando Lopez today opened the Senate debate on his bill providing for compulsory registration of Filipino citizens in foreign countries with the nearest Philippine consular establishment, office or agency.

Mr. Lopez deplored the indifference of Filipino residents abroad to register with their consulates voluntarily in contrast to the attitude of citizens of other foreign countries.

"This requirement will serve to remind citizens of their duty to the Republic which is called upon to protect their interests at all times. It is imperative that the Government should know where Filipinos are located abroad and under what conditions they live," he said.

The bill calls for the registration of adult Filipinos abroad every two years with the payment of a registration fee equivalent to 10 pesos.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Revision of Laws for study of the legal questions involved.—United Press.

EXPLOSIONS IN AMMO DUMP

Manila, February 3.

Twenty-eight houses were destroyed by a fire caused by explosions in the Philippine Air Force ammunition dumps near the Southern Luzon town of Bataan, Batangas Province, on Saturday night, it was reliably reported here today.

While no lives were reported lost as a result of the mishap, which is being investigated by the Government authorities, some 174 persons have been rendered homeless.

In response to the provincial governor's appeal for additional relief to the victims, the Philippine National Red Cross is understood to have assured the provincial authorities that everything possible will be done for the unfortunate victims.—Reuter.

who could show legal title to his land."

Nothing To Hide

Asked further by Mr. Piratin why he did not answer this question two weeks ago when Mr. Gallacher (Communist) put it specifically, and what he had to hide, Mr. Creech Jones replied:

"I have nothing to hide, and I was not aware that the question had been asked before."

The Minister added: "In any case, not only has the Chinese Council expressed appreciation of the way in which this was carried through, but also a fair number of squatters themselves requested that they should be removed."

Mr. Piratin then asked whether in repatriating the 800 Chinese during 1948 from Malaya to China, the repatriates were consulted about the political part of China to which they preferred to return.

Were these wishes taken into consideration on their repatriation? Mr. Creech Jones replied that Chinese repatriates were consulted about the port to which they wished to be sent and their wishes were taken into consideration.—Reuter.

'New' Corfu Sails For HK Today

London, February 2.

The 14,000 ton P & O liner, Corfu, reconditioned after war service, will sail from Southampton on Friday for Hong Kong by way of Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang and Singapore.

Russian's Suicide In London

London, February 2.

Anatoly Kapilkin, 39-year-old Russian Embassy clerk who fell 12 metres to his death from a London hospital window, took his life when the balance of his mind was disturbed, a London coroner recorded today.

Kapilkin was in Hammersmith Hospital recovering from an appendicitis operation when he fell on January 28. The Soviet Embassy did not claim diplomatic immunity from the normal English practice of holding an inquest in cases of violent death.

The hospital surgeon said Kapilkin made satisfactory progress after an emergency operation. He made no complaint and there was no indication of mental abnormality.

Several nurses gave evidence that the patient later became violent, struck at a nurse with a pair of scissors, broke a thermometer and threw a piece of hospital furniture at a nurse.

Then he broke the glass of the third floor window with his fist and jumped through after a struggle with the nurses. The coroner said he is absolutely satisfied with the very proper care and attention Kapilkin got at Hammersmith Hospital.—Reuter.

Soviet Envoy Leaves London

London, February 2.

Mr. George Zarubin, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, has been recalled to Moscow.

Mr. Zarubin left London a day or two ago and is not expected back for a week. His absence was revealed when he did not appear at a reception given by the Hungarian Minister.—Reuter.

Labour's Record On Housing

London, February 2.

Three and a quarter million men, women and children have been rehoused in Britain since the end of the war.

An official survey of the housing situation reveals that more than 425,000 permanent houses have been built in that time.

The temporary housing programme is within 100,000 of its 157,270 goal.

Mansions converted into flats, adaptations and bomb damage repairs bring the total number of additional homes provided since April 1945 up to 631,001, the survey says.

The annual figures have increased from 3,014 permanent houses built in 1945 to 227,010 built last year.

The total labour force occupied in building, repairing and converting at the end of 1948 was 621,500, the survey said.—Reuter.

MP SAYS:

MALAYAN GOVERNMENT "MUST WORK FASTER"

London, February 2.

The Malayan Government must work faster if it is to win the dual with the Chinese Communist bandits, now costing ST\$40,000,000 a day. This is the opinion of Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative MP, who has just returned from a tour of the Far East.

Mr. Gammans, who worked in Malaya as a Colonial civil servant from 1920 to 1934, told Reuter.

"It is not just a question of pouring British troops into the country. The bandits are outnumbered by the Security Forces by ten to one."

American Action On Tariffs?

Washington, February 3.

Democrats today pushed through the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee a 17 to 8 vote to restore until June 12, 1951, the full powers of the old reciprocal trade laws.

President Truman requested this legislation in telling Congress that it needs to remove obstacles to trade negotiations introduced by the Republican Tariff Law passed last year.

He said that full operation of the Trade Act will build world commerce and promote peace.

The Bill, which will be debated in the House next week with a vote expected on Wednesday, gives the President power to cut American duties up to 50 per cent below January 1, 1941 tariffs in trade pacts with nations that agree to reduce their trade barriers.

Two Republicans voted with the Democrats for the measure and eight Republicans against.—Associated Press.

Lincolns For Middle East

Waddington, February 3.

Eleven Lincoln aircraft of the Royal Air Force Bomber Command left here today for "Exercise Sunray," a regular training flight to the Middle East.

They are flying by way of Castel Benito, Tripoli, to Shaluf, in the Suez Canal Zone of Egypt. There they will carry out live bombing and air firing practices and exercises with fighter squadrons of the RAF Mediterranean East Command.

About 120 ground staff accompanied the bombers in RAF Transport Command aircraft.—Reuter.

De Valera On The Warpath

Birmingham, February 3.

Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Premier of Eire, today accused the British of destroying democracy in his country.

Addressing 200 members of the Birmingham Rotary Club, he accused Britain of dividing the country and maintaining the division by armed force and appealed to the people of Britain to end the situation and not to be guided by pressure.

"You cannot speak about democracy when you are destroying democracy in my country," he said.—Reuter.

Attempt To Ambush Express

Singapore, February 3.

Communist insurgents made an unsuccessful attempt early yesterday morning to ambush the night mail train between Kuala Lumpur and Penang.

The pilot engine preceding the train was ambushed near a station 70 miles North of Kuala Lumpur, where the Communists had removed telephones from the rails. The oncoming train crashed into a jeep but no one was injured.

The terrorists fled when military guards searched the area.

Security guards have since burned down two large Communist camps, capable of holding 200 men, and recovered quantities of rice, ammunition and documents.

In scattered clashes, two Communists lost their lives and an Asian estate manager was accidentally shot dead by the police.

One of the insurgents has been hanged in Penang prison.—Associated Press.

MIDDLE EAST PLAN DENIED

Washington, February 2.

The State Department denied today that the United States has an agreement with Britain, formal or informal, to strengthen Middle East defences.

A spokesman gave this reply when questioned about a Cairo despatch, quoting the newspaper Al Misal, as saying that such a pact exists.

The former Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, vigorously denied at a press conference several weeks ago that the United States has agreed to join a British plan to guarantee peace in the Middle East in return for Britain's recognition of Israel.—Reuter.

Russians Tapping British Phones

Berlin, February 2.

The Russians are listening to and recording all telephone conversations between the British sector of Berlin and the Western zones of Germany.

A British security officer says the Soviets have installed 200 automatic recording machines at a station in Magdeburg. They operate automatically when British lines to the West are in use.

Copies of tapewriter messages are also recorded automatically. The officer expresses alarm at some of the information disclosed by British officers. Other Ranks and civilians in Berlin in telephone conversations with the British zone and London.

"We no longer have any secrets from anybody, so far as Berlin is concerned," the officer says.

"So long as we continue to behave like ostriches, pretending that we are all pals together, the same state of affairs will continue."

While the official policy is to regard the four occupying powers in Berlin as full-fledged allies, he says, it is impossible to warn people that "the walls have ears" or "listen your talk."

Until recently, the official British telephone directory contained the names and addresses of all British security and confidential bodies, as well as those of their staff members.

After protests, most of these names and addresses were removed from the generally distributed edition of the directory.—United Press.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father R. W. Gallagher, S.J. (Studio)

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.52 p.m.—Composers' Concert: Hozy Carmichael. (OHB)

1.00 p.m.—Accomp. on Rhythm. (DBCTB)

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Music for You.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—A Signpost. Bomber Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Cantonese By Radio. Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K. Lee. (Studio)

6.50 p.m.—Zapp Melaner Dixieland Band. (Studio)

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—Sporting Preview. H.K. Kennel Club Show. Interviews with the Judges: Mrs. Dargie and Mr. W. B. Hunt, also Mr. H. M. Howell. (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—Variety Band Box from Golden Green Hippodrome. (DBCTB)

8.00 p.m.—From the Editorials. (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—The Man Born to be King by Dorothy L. Sayers. (DBCTB) 7th Play "The Light and the Life."

8.30 p.m.—Music from the Films.

8.45 p.m.—A Story. "Here comes the Copper" by Henry Wade. Read by Clifford Davies. (Studio)

9.15 p.m.—A Short Programme at Radio Music.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News. Real. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.15 p.m.—"Swing Serenade" with Peter York and His Concert Orchestra. Paula Green and Steve Conway (Vocal) (DBCTB)

11.00 p.m.—Think on These Things. (DBCTB)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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UNITED NATIONS ASKS REPLY ON INDONESIA

Lake Success, February 2.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia today asked the Dutch whether they intend to comply with the Security Council resolution on Indonesia.

The resolution set a time-table for an interim government by March 15, elections for a constituent assembly by October 1, and transfer of sovereignty from Holland to the United States of Indonesia by July 1, 1950.

UN Asks Too Much, Say Dutch

San Francisco, February 2. Dr. H. J. Friederley, Netherlands delegate to the UN Security Council, told a press conference today that the Dutch do not plan to challenge the Security Council's resolution.

"On the contrary," he said, "we will endeavour in every way compatible with the welfare of Indonesia and its future as an independent and sovereign state, to abide by the decision of the Council."

He said it is unfortunate that the UN resolution is not based on a realistic appraisal of the situation, for in some respects, when carried out, it will bring only further confusion, terror and misery to the people.

U.S. Rejects Demand By Hungary

Washington, February 3. The State Department announced today that the United States has rejected a Hungarian demand for the return of the two members of the crew of a Hungarian-Soviet Airline plane which landed near Munich on January 4 with 25 persons aboard.

In a note, the text of which was released in Washington, the Hungarian Government accused the two men of embezzlement of the passenger plane and violation of the personal freedom of the passengers.

The American note rejecting the Hungarian demand said that the persons, who escaped from Communist Hungary on the plane, and chose to remain in the American zone of Germany rather than return did so to flee from political oppression.

The United States remarked that this is an act which can in no way constitute a crime in the eyes of free peoples.

Captain Jones Majors, a pilot, said that after the take-off, he took over the controls from the regular pilot and flew to a field near Munich because he and his associates wished to escape from Communist Hungary.—Associated Press.

Liverpool, February 2. Nearly 1,000 members of the Royal Air Force—air crew, technicians and ground staff—left here tonight on the 11,275-ton troopship Devonshire for special service in the Singapore area.—Reuter.

Dutch Trying New Approach

The Hague, February 3. The Dutch Government intends to try to solve the Indonesian question in collaboration with the Indonesians, rather than through United Nations action, an official spokesman said yesterday.

A usually reliable source said that The Hague plans immediate establishment of an Indonesian Federation, to be known as the United States of Indonesia. The Government is considering abandonment of its original plan to form an interim government to serve until a regularly constituted government can take over.—Associated Press.

KOREA APPLIES TO THE U.N.

Lake Success, February 2. The Republic of Korea applied today for United Nations membership.

Mr. Koh Chang-hi, acting Foreign Minister, said in a letter to Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, that the Korean Government (in American-occupied Southern Korea) has been recognised by the United States, China, the Philippines and Britain since its inauguration last August.

Korea's admission to the United Nations, he added, will contribute to the stabilisation of Asia and to the cause of international peace.—Reuter.

Bevin Rejects Ban On Dutch Air Line

London, February 2.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons today that he should bar Dutch air lines from using the island of Mauritius while they are denied transit across India on the route to Indonesia.

Britain, he told the House, is against unilateral sanctions.

Mr. John Platts-Mills, left wing Independent Labour Member, asked what request he has had from the Netherlands Government for the use of Mauritius.

Mr. Bevin replied that the Netherlands Government had requested permission from Britain for the use of Mauritius by the Royal Dutch Air Lines for the service to Batavia.

"In accordance with our obligations under the Chicago agreement relating to civil aviation, 1944, to which Britain and the Netherlands are both parties, the British Government feel bound to accede to this request," Mr. Bevin said.

"The Netherlands Government have given the British Government an undertaking that no military personnel, arms or war-like stores will be carried by aircraft using this route," he added.

Asked by Mr. Platts-Mills if he does not think it will be safer to ban the Dutch Air Lines, bearing in mind that India and Pakistan have done so, Mr. Bevin replied: "I must point out that international agreements are international agreements."

"The British Government cannot under the Chicago Agreement ban the Dutch from using this route unless, under the agreement, it also bans itself and the French. These are the conditions

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Miami is the pleasure palace of America, peacock bright and dazzlingly new.

It is as well to wear smoked glasses—most people do. The colours are blinding.

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Their sports shirts are splashed with flowers or shot with sunbursts, lightning flashes, glittering pinwheels, stars, stripes, and crescents.

Grey Flannels

I feel very drab as I walk down Collins-avenue in grey flannels and dark-blue blazer. I must be the only man without a cigar in my mouth.

I must be the only man without a shiny new Cadillac convertible motor-car, a wad of dollars in my pocket, and a tall, tanned, terrific blonde tucked away in a penthouse.

My friends in New York had warned me about Miami. "Stay away, you won't like it! It's giddy and vulgar and impossible and you won't be happy."

But they were wrong. I know this place; I am at home here. This is New York by the seaside—a tropical, almost Oriental, extension of Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx.

The garment centre has moved here in force. The gamblers, the super-salesmen, the Broadway mob, the racketeers, the show girls, the night-club kings and queens, the restaurant owners, the confidence men, the tipsters, the columnists—they are all here.

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While Palm Beach shutters its mansions, Miami Beach throws open new hotels and thrusts new skyscrapers to the clouds.

Nineteen new snow-white and pastel hotels have been completed for this season, making a total of 357 hotels with about 25,000 rooms. The hotels all look much the same.

They front the sea with razor-sharp lines like enormous, neatly cut pieces of ice coconut cake.

They have huge glass doors, neon-trimmed cocktail lounges, palm courts, and marine terraces.

Although the climate is ideal—about 80deg. during the day and 65deg. at night—and the blue water perfect for bathing, most hotels proudly announce: "Air conditioned throughout. Private swimming pool."

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Private Probe

I've probed a good deal and find that the place is doing all right. It runs itself on a plateau of prosperity.

There have been bigger years and more swollen booms, but they were abnormal.

The famous hand-painted ties priced from £50 to £250 each have, for instance, been taken out of the haberdashers' windows.

The sequin-trimmed bathing costumes at £40 are no longer being bought.

And though the women still wade into the sea wearing pearls round their necks and diamonds on their fingers, the days of the casual £250 hat and the £25-a-day hotel room are over.

For one thing, the soldiers who came here to blow in their bonuses in a few riotous days' spending have exhausted their money.

During the 1946-47 season tourists spent £32,500,000. Last season the amount dropped by £5,000,000. This season it is expected to fall another £5,000,000.

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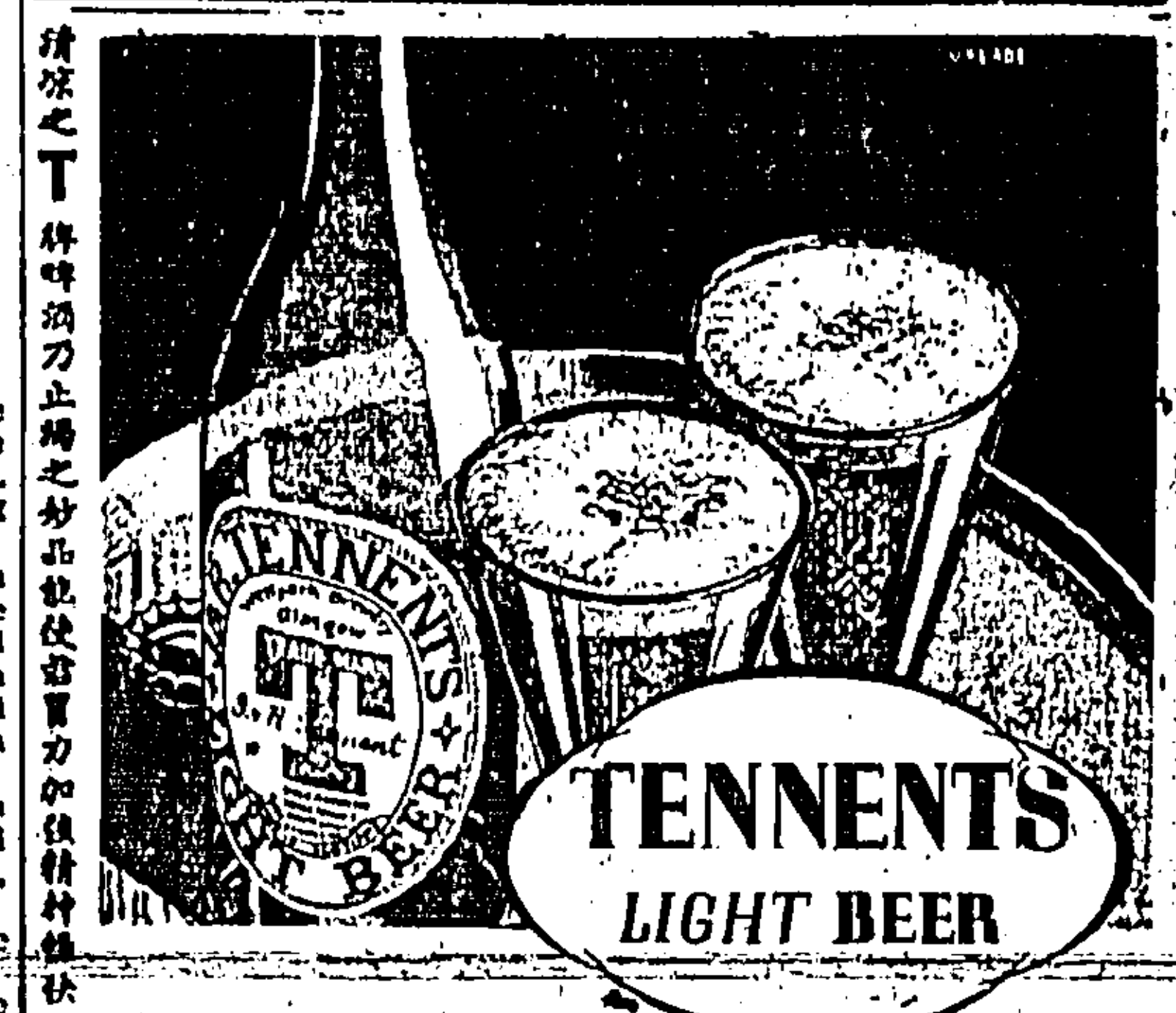
RAF 'Liked'

As long as the United States rides the tidal wave of prosperity so will Miami. For America's tourists are its bread and butter—its caviare and champagne.

It is true that Miami is largely a Jewish city. I have not seen any "restricted" signs.

R.A.F. men were trained in the area during the war, and the city still talks of them with affection.

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COMMONWEALTH TELEGRAPHS

London, February 2.

The House of Commons today gave a formal first reading to the Commonwealth Telegraphs Bill, which gives effect to an agreement for promoting and co-ordinating the efficiency and development of the external telegraph services of the Commonwealth.

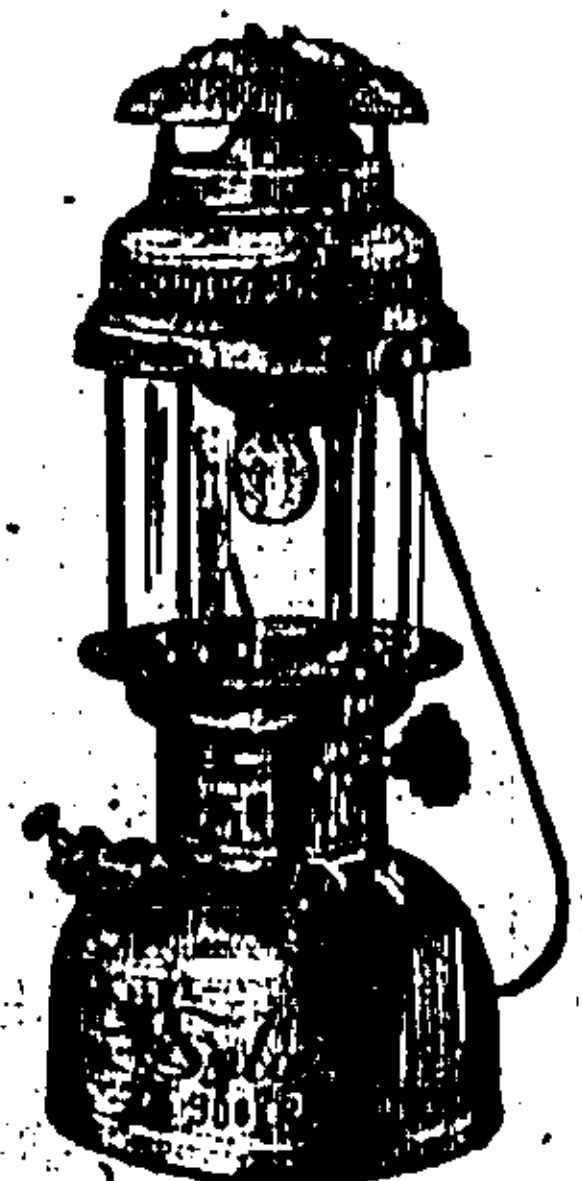
It also extends the system embodied in the arrangements made by the Postmaster-General with Cable and Wireless Limited, for the sharing of revenue derived from telegrams transmitted to and from places outside Britain.—Reuter.

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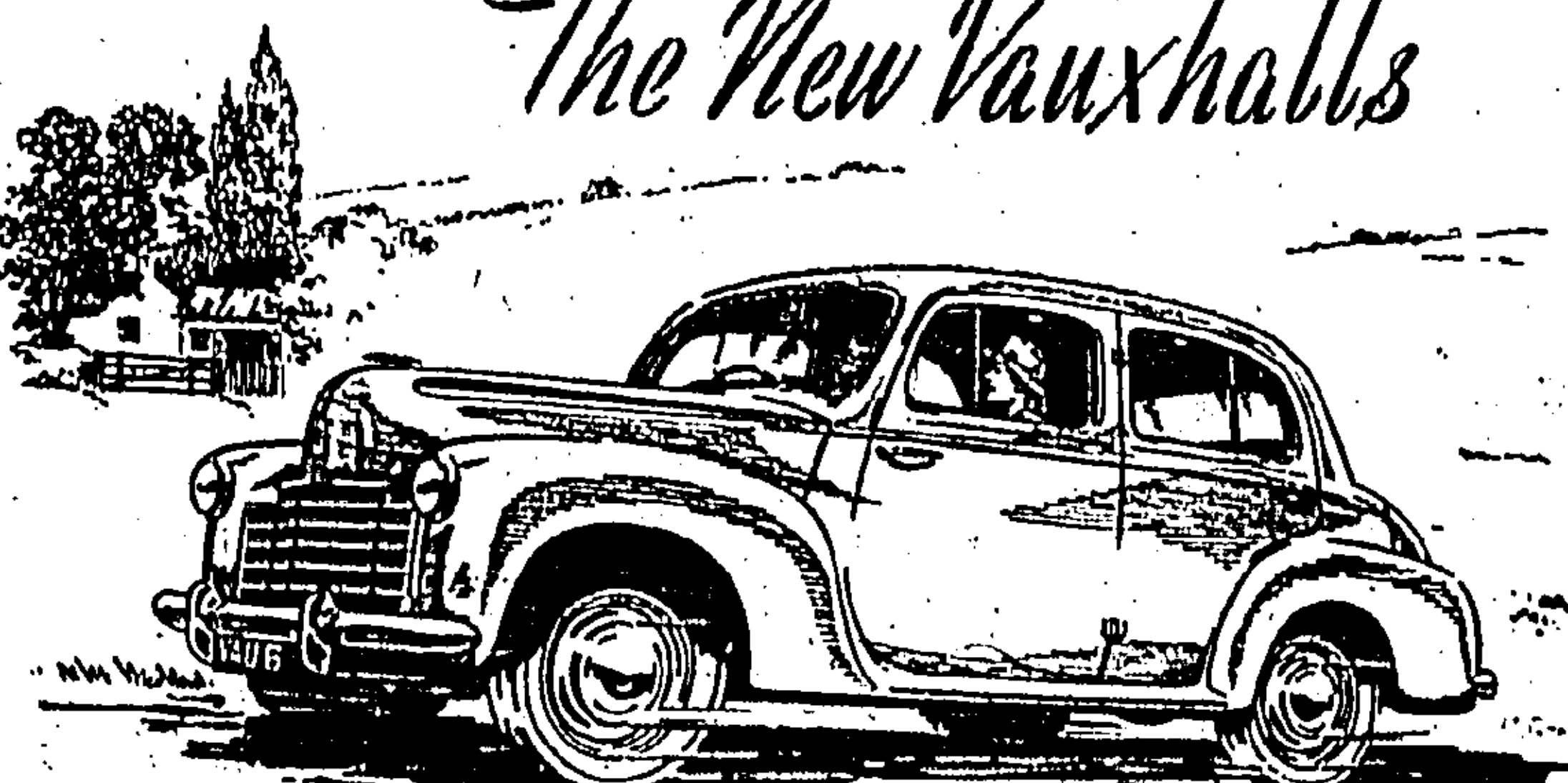
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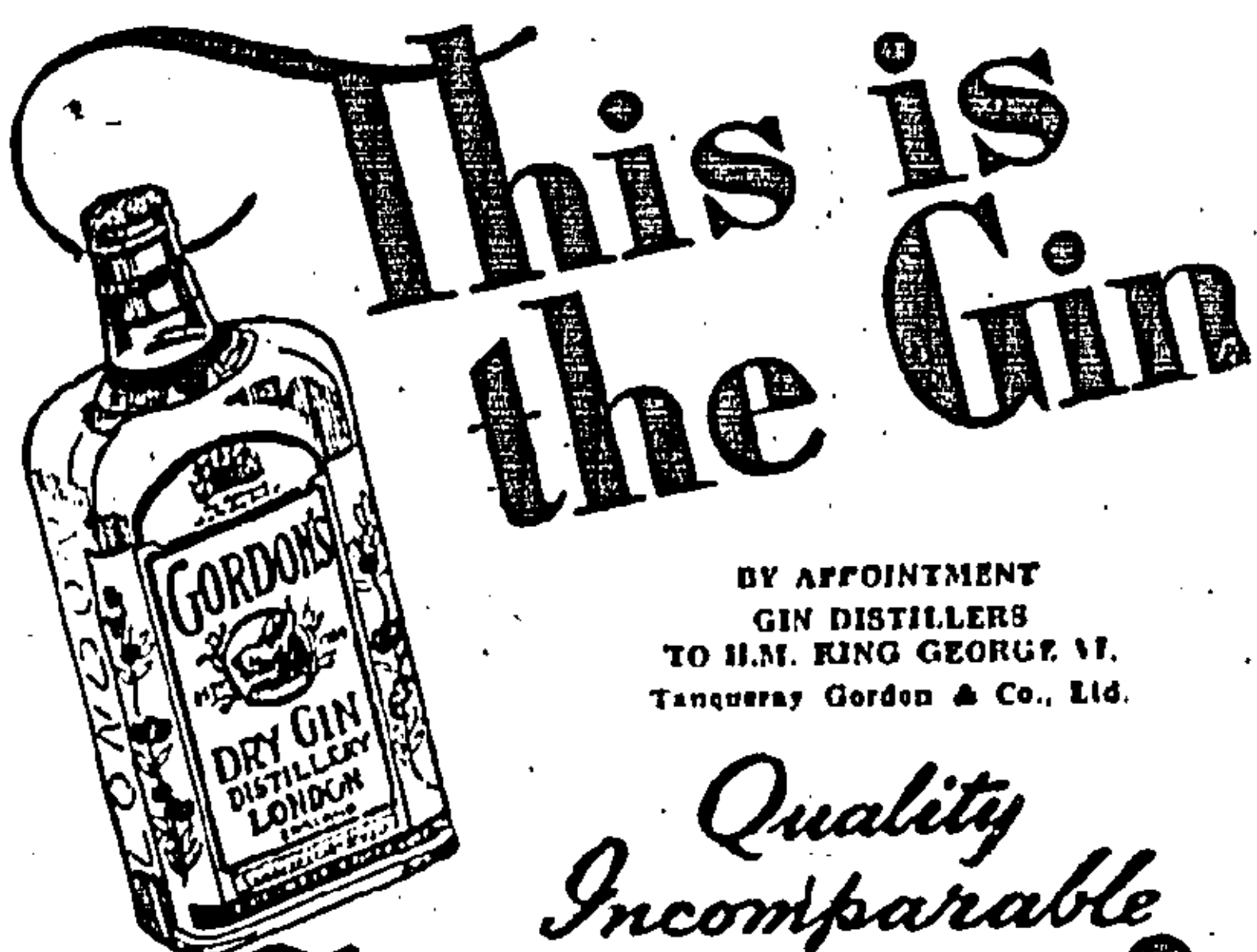
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KRAVCHENKO LIBEL SUIT:

BITTER ATTACK ON CHURCHILL

Paris, February 3.

A bitter attack on Britain's wartime Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, was launched today by an American author, Arthur Kahn. Kahn was testifying for the pro-Communist newspaper which is being sued for libel by Victor Kravchenko, Russian author of "I Chose Freedom."

Kravchenko is suing the paper, Les Lettres Françaises, for 3,000,000 francs for saying that he is not libelous enough to write the book and is a traitor and habitual drunkard.

Kahn declared that in 1918-21, Mr. Churchill led the intervention that tried to keep the Soviet regime from coming to power. "American financiers," Kahn declared, "helped Hitler."

Kahn, who, with Michael Bayers, is the author of "The Great Conspiracy Against the USSR," said he came here to testify because he believes the case goes far beyond an ordinary libel suit. Kahn told the court that Kravchenko has "Kremlin-Fascist" friends.

"Kremlin Agent"

Kahn alleged that Kravchenko is a friend of the editor of a Ukrainian Fascist paper, Led Svoboda, published in the United States.

Kahn said he received the information from members of Fascist organisations.

Replying to Maitre Nordmann for the defence, Kravchenko said: "The French Communist Party should be unmasked in the interests of my people, the interests

of the French people and before world public opinion as the agent of the Kremlin."

Maitre Nordmann commented that Kravchenko is not really bringing a libel suit but is attacking a "French" political party which has "the support of 35 per cent of the French electorate."

Mr. Konni Zilliacus, British left wing Labour Member of Parliament, was the last witness heard today.

He said he regards the book "I Chose Freedom" as "part of a campaign of infamous propaganda to convince the minds of the people for a third world war against our former valiant ally, the Soviet Union."—Associated Press and Reuter.

Russia Bulwark Of World Peace!

Moscow, February 3.

"The uncrushable might of the Soviet Union is the main bulwark of peace and the principal obstacle to realisation of the warmongers' plans."

G. M. Popov, chief of the municipal Communist Party organisation, said this to the city and district party conference yesterday.

Popov, addressing 857 delegates and party leaders representing 600,000 Communists, spoke at the opening of the conference in the Hall of Columns at Trade Union House.

Discussing the international situation, Popov said: "The second world war brought increased acuteness to the general crisis of the capitalist system, weakening the forces of capitalism and strengthening the forces of socialism and democracy."

"The influence and authority of the Communist parties among the broad masses are increasing in the whole world while the democratic camp led by the Soviet Union increases sympathy for our fatherland on the part of the whole of mankind."

"The warmongers' plans are doomed to disgraceful failure."

Rangoon Wants Peace Talks

Rangoon, February 3. The Government last night called for new peace talks to end the civil war as fighting raged in Rangoon's suburbs.

Premier Thakin Nu summoned the titular head of the Karen rebels to his home to resume armistice conversations, interrupted when fighting erupted on the fringes of the capital on Monday.

The officially-announced summons was addressed to Saw Ba U Gyi, President of the Karen National Union, at Insein, where Karens and Government troops are in battle.—Associated Press.

CANADIAN AIR TRAGEDY

Rue de La Trinite, Quebec, February 3.

A St. Lawrence Airways plane plummeted nose down into the river shortly after taking off yesterday.

Six of its 10 occupants were killed. The four survivors are in critical condition.—Associated Press.

Burma Confronted By "Serious Situation"

London, February 2.

British official sources describe the Burma situation as the most serious so far since Burma became a Republic.

Officials discount reports that the Karens are being incited or aided by any foreign power.

Commenting on reports from Rangoon that the Karens are being supported by the Burmese Red Flag Communists, a British official said: "That sounds like Communist opportunism. The Karens actually are strongly anti-Communist."

An official spokesman said the situation is constantly changing. Reinforcements have been rushed to the area, he added.

Rangoon Calm

Hundreds of refugees from the town, which has a population of about 20,000, are pouring into Rangoon but the population remains calm.

The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, has announced that his Government is prepared to grant a separate State for the Karens—Burma's largest minority—but the Government is determined to prevent its secession even at the risk of a civil war.

A Government spokesman tonight said the Karens have established a stronghold in a missionary school at Bassein, the rice port. Refugee camps are caring for thousands of people who have fled from the port.

Forty Karens were killed in clashes at Pegu, 60 kilometres North of Rangoon, the spokesman added.—United Press and Reuter.

PI Asylum For Catholics

Manila, February 3.

The Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Felipe Neri, said today that the Philippines is willing to give asylum to 94 Catholic seminary students and three priests from China.

Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York interceded on behalf of the Church members. He asked that they be allowed to enter the Philippines and reside there for the duration of Communist military action in China.

Among the group now in various parts of China are a Korean, an Australian, a German, a Swiss and a Frenchman. The remainder are Chinese.—Associated Press.

Norway's Stand Endorsed

London, February 2.

Britain endorses the views expressed by Norway in her note to Russia that the Atlantic Pact has no aggressive aims, a Foreign Office spokesman said tonight.

Norway's note was in reply to a Soviet inquiry whether she intends to join the Atlantic Pact.

The British spokesman added that there is nothing in the Atlantic Pact which runs counter to the Charter of the United Nations. He said it is being drawn up under the aegis of the United Nations Charter, which makes specific provision for the existence of regional groupings.

In Oslo today the Norwegian Prime Minister, M. Einar Gerhardsen, said that no new meeting of Premiers or other members of the Scandinavian Governments has been arranged, the Norwegian news agency, NTB, reported tonight.

The Premiers and Foreign Ministers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark announced after their meetings at Oslo on January 29 and 30 that they had failed to reach agreement on a Scandinavian defence union but that existing consultations on foreign policy will be strengthened.—Reuter.

VON LUCKNER IN AMERICA

San Francisco, February 2. Count Felix von Luckner, world war I German sea raider, said here today that Hitler took away his rank as Admiral of the German Navy and forced him to hide in the Harz Mountains when he refused to work with the German dictator.

Arriving here to lecture at the Town Hall, von Luckner ridiculed the wartime stories that he was a German spy during the second world war.

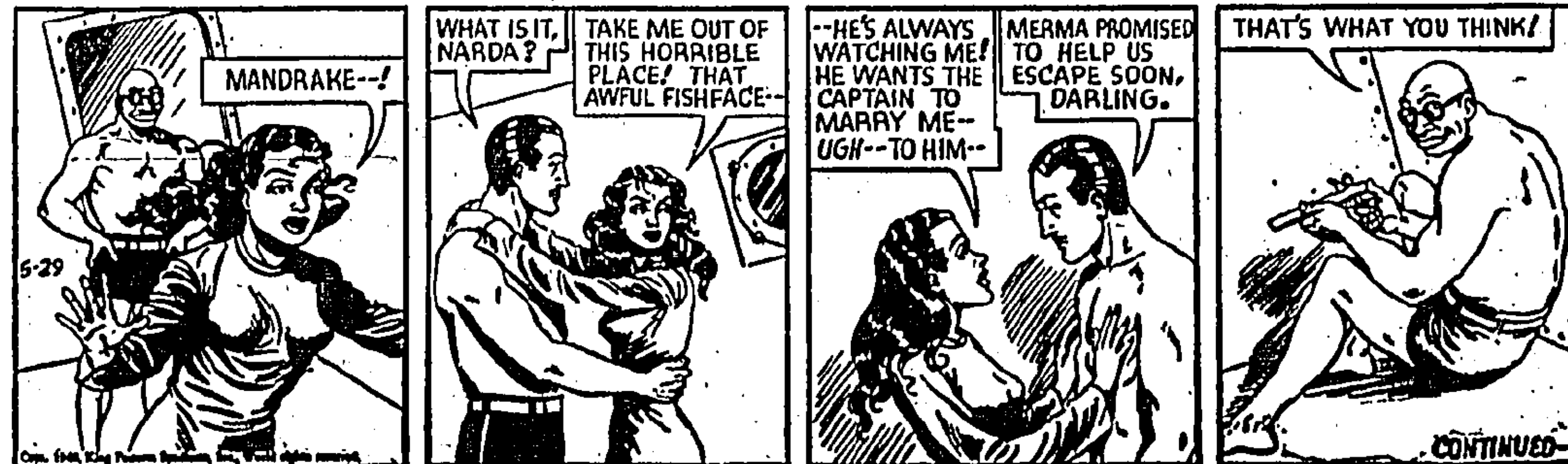
"How could I be a spy? Why, everyone knows von Luckner," he said.—United Press.

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PACIFIC PACT LIKELY "IN THE NEAR FUTURE"

Auckland, February 3.

It will not be long before there will be a Pacific as well as a North Atlantic defence pact. The Pacific Science Congress was told this yesterday by Professor Herbert S. Gregory, of Honolulu.

Professor Gregory addressed the seventh session of the scientific body and the first it has held since the war. He was President of the First Congress held in Honolulu in 1920.

One of the first acts of the Congress was to unanimously accept an invitation from the Philippines to hold the next Congress session in the Philippines. This will be in 1933.

Dr. A. C. Sloan, delegate, delivered the invitation on behalf of President Quirino. Dr. Sloan is the Dean of the College of Medicine of Philippines University.

Professor Gregory stressed the growing importance of the Pacific area.

The centre of world activity has moved from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic, he said. The move towards the Pacific has been gaining momentum and in the last decade, has attained real speed.

Pacific Chamber

Professor Gregory commented on the tremendous amount of research being done in the Pacific area.

Field Marshal Gets A Clock

London, February 2. Field Marshal Lord Alexander, Governor-General of Canada, received a gold and black clock with the inscription "Time passes, eternally approacheth" under the £11,400 will of Miss Anne Howes, of Ebury, Victoria.

Half of the £2,000 legacy to St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, London, is for a stained glass memorial window to Kathleen, Lady Alexander.

To Air Chief Marshal Sir Roderic Hill goes a £500 legacy under the £60,132 will of his uncle, Sir George F. Hill, KCB. Sir George, an authority on munitions, was director and principal librarian of the British Museum from 1931 to 1938.

TERROR DROVE THEM OUT

Lake Success, February 2. Professor Howard Dodge, who has been working for the United Nations on the problem of Arab refugees from Palestine, said today that most of the 700,000 refugees fled from their homes because of terroristic methods used by bands of Jews.

Professor Dodge, former President of the American University at Beirut, told a press conference he thinks reports of pressure by Arab leaders to force people to flee are "inconceivable," as they have every advantage in keeping an Arab majority in Palestine.—Reuter.

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Primate Of Poland

Warsaw, February 2.

Archbishop Stefan Wyspinski was today enthroned Primate of Poland at a ceremony held in the Metropolitan See of Gniezno.

In a message to the clergy and Catholic laity, which is notable for its restraint and strict avoidance of the points of dispute between the Church and State, the new Primate made a personal disavowal of the most frequent charges against the Church.

That of meddling in politics. "I am neither a politician nor am I a reformer. I am your spiritual father. I come not as an unduly person, but as a harbringer of good news."

The Archbishop urged the Church and people to work for a "Holy Poland, a Poland of justice and charity." The new Primate will be inducted Archbishop of Warsaw at a similar ceremony next Sunday. He takes office at a time of mounting Communist opposition to the Catholic authority in the country.—Reuter.

Hush-Hush Policy On Trade Talks

London, February 2.

British officials are keeping strict silence on the Anglo-Swiss trade and financial negotiations.

The Swiss delegation has made a new proposal to the British which may overcome the present difficulties and is awaiting the British reply.

Even if the proposal is accepted, it is thought the negotiations will continue until next week. Both Swiss and British official circles here strongly discountenance Swiss reports that Switzerland has issued a virtual three-point threat to Britain, which may lead to a breakdown.

The three points in these reports are: First, if the London talks break down, Switzerland will start separate discussions with other members of the sterling area.

Second, Switzerland will insist on the immediate payment of all outstanding amounts owed to her by Britain and, third, Switzerland will devolve the pound from the present official rate of 17.55 francs for £1 to a "free" rate, which will be some 30% lower.

But the authoritative reaction here to the three points is respectively as follows:

First, any new discussions will have to be referred to London in the end, since Britain is the banker for the whole sterling area.

Second, Switzerland does not treat with Britain on such terms and, third, no country can unilaterally devolve the currency of any other country.—Reuter.

THE CHARGE WAS TOO MUCH

Manila, February 3.

A terrific explosion marked solemn ceremonies yesterday at the laying of the cornerstone of the projected Philippine Military Academy at Baguio, throwing spectators into momentary panic.

One non-commissioned officer was seriously injured and nine cars parked near the scene of the blast were either wrecked or badly battered by rocks and shrapnel hurled by the explosion, which tore out a portion of a hill.

The minor blast had been arranged as part of the programme, but there apparently was an overcharge of explosives. The ceremony continued after the explosion, with the Defence Secretary, Mr. Ruperto Kangleon, laying the cornerstone of the million-sq-ft main building.—United Press.

ROCKET PLANE JUST LIKE A FAST CAR

Muroc Dry Lake, California, February 2.

Riding a rocket plane four miles almost straight up in less than two minutes feels almost like riding in a fast car, according to air force Captain Charles E. Yeager.

The air force announced today that Captain Yeager was the first man to take the rocket-powered XS-1 off the ground. On that first, experimental take-off, he climbed 23,000 feet—approximately four and one-third miles—in a minute and 40 seconds from the start.

In a previous flight, Captain Yeager also was the first to fly faster than sound. Previously, the XS-1 always was flown from the belly of a B-29 bomber after being carried to 25,000 feet and dropped in a 1,000-foot dive for "take-off."

That is because the plane will still at a speed slower than 240 m.p.h. "Captain Yeager explains, "We wanted to be sure that we could get the XS-1 up that fast on the ground before we actually tried it."

The XS-1 has done a lot more than people expected of it," he declared. "We have used the same model the Bell Aircraft people designed in 1944, the same year the Germans built a rocket plane, and have not changed it a bit."

There is only one other XS-1. It is undergoing tests by the national advisory committee for aviation, a federal government agency.

Captain Yeager, who has been flying jet planes for about three and a half years and rockets about a year and a half, says the XS-1 requires a three miles runway. The average jet plane needs a field about a mile long.—United Press.

Trade Unions And Far East

Paris, February 3.

The World Federation of Trade Unions, considered by Western labour leaders as a Communist-dominated group, plans to increase its activities in the Far East, particularly China.

The Executive Bureau of the WFTU said last night it will send a delegation to Peking in May to hold an investigation among Chinese labour unions.

The Executive Bureau told its Chinese delegate, Liu Ning-ii, to discuss in China the "plan of work for the WFTU in Asia."—Associated Press.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot fine ounce 42½d; Forward ounce 42½d; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172/3.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price) 70 cts; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) 35.55; Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 180, Annas 12; Forward per 100 tolas no trading; Marwar (unofficial) no trading; Gold, delivered, per tola 117, 08; Forward (unofficial) no trading; Gold, Sovereign 75, 04. One tola is equal to 3/8th of an ounce.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, baht-weight of 16.244 Grammes unquoted; Exchange Rate (Selling). Bangkok on New York T.T. 19.90; London 61.50; Hong Kong 2.83.

Alexandria: Fine Gold (Dihem) 149; Egyptian pound (Found) 450; Sovereign (King) 408; Sovereign (Queen) 403; Napoleon (Louis) 330; Union Gold (1 coin of 20 francs gold) 200; Turkish Gold pound 315; Dollar (American gold coin of 5 dollars) 430; Pure Silver (per kilo) 800.

Paris Free Gold Prices: Napoleon 5,800 Frs. French 10 franc coins 2,640; Swiss franc 5,825; Union Latine 5,800; Sovereign 7,025; Half Sovereign 3,510; U.S. \$ 20 Coin 27,800; U.S. \$ 10 Coin 13,500; Sovereign (in free US \$ per ounce) \$93.5; Napoleon (in free US \$ per ounce) \$97.4; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 487.

Paris Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold Ingots, with delivery of counterpart, per gramme 234/24 Frs. Without counterpart 755/813; Silver Ingots, per kilo 6,000; 7,400; Platinum Ingots, per kilo 800, 000, 850,000.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE SHIP EXPLOSION

Lisbon, February 2.

Four men were killed and four injured today in a boiler explosion in the Portuguese steamer, Nova Lisbon (7,000 tons) docked in Lisbon Harbour.—Reuter.

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"CANTON"	2nd June	4th July

HOMEWARDS	LEAVES HONGKONG	DUE LONDON
"CARTHAGE"	10th February	21st March
"CORFU"	14th March	18th April
"CANTON"	18th April	18th May
"CANTON"	18th May	18th June
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"TREVAN"	sails 22nd Feb.	for Japan
"TREVAN"	due 2nd Mar.	from London, Continent, Karachi & Bombay via Straits
"TREVAN"	sails 6th Mar.	for Shanghai & Japan
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Belgrade, February 2.

Yugoslavia has transmitted its views on the new Eastern Economic Council to the Soviet Union and the five other East European countries which are members of the Council.

The five countries are Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

London Stock Exchange

London, February 2.

A firm start was generally made today, at the beginning of the new account, initial gains, however, were not always held due to the lack of business.

Recent burst of long-dated gilt-edged stocks were taking profit and this action recorded one or two fractional losses.

The Argentine embargo on the transfer of funds from that country caused a sharp fall in United Kingdom Argentine bonds.

Foreign funds, Arab bonds and Anglo-Argentine railway stocks were all marked lower.

Among industrials, there were scattered gains in tobacco and textiles.

Oil shares were somewhat irregular but Ultramar was again outstanding, with firmness following good support.

The foreign bond market remained without notable alteration apart from small declines in Chinese issues. Foreign rails showed marked firmness in Brazilian stocks.

Buying of selected developers assisted South African mines during the earlier part of the session. Lack of follow-through, however, resulted in gains being lost until late in the session, when a revival of interest resulted in many gains.

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Revised Rates For Colony

London, February 2.

The revised schedule on war and strikes, rates and civil compulsory rates issued today by the Institute of London Underwriters, reveals that voyages to and from, between or calling at Hong Kong and Kowloon (previously Hong Kong only) Korea, Siam and Straits Settlements, are now included in the section covering Far Eastern ports.

The rate applicable is three shillings per 100, the same as other ports covered in the section.

Reuter.

Money Market

In a reversal of Tuesday's trend, gold yesterday climbed back to HK\$215 a unit after opening at HK\$213.75. It was down to HK\$212.50 before the upsurge.

US dollars opened at HK\$9.15 and closed half a cent lower.

Gold Yuan opened at 7 of a cent and closed at 678 of a cent for Hong Kong delivery. Business in Canton remittances was done at 57 and 6 of a cent; and for Shanghai remittances at 49, 5, 47 and 438 of a cent.

Pinsters opened at HK\$8.03 a 100 and closed at \$8.45.

Ticals were quoted at HK\$24.20 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK\$432 a 100 and closed 10 cents lower. Sterling was at HK\$15.20, and Australian pounds at HK\$12.55.

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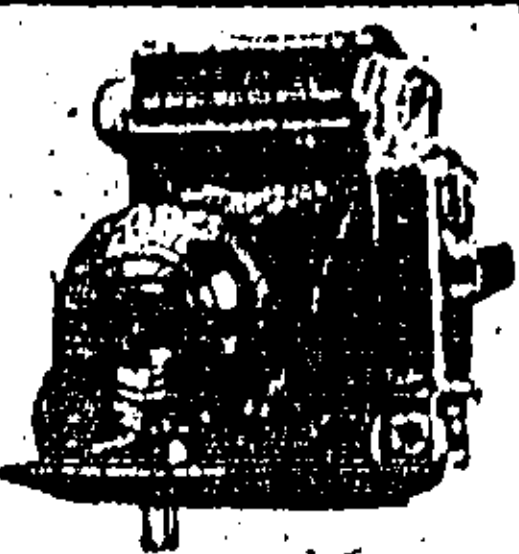
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HOGAN SERIOUSLY HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT

Entries In February 12 Race Meet

Entries in the First Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to take place on February 12, were released by the Jockey Club yesterday.

1. Maiden Stakes, Class 9.
Maiden (155), Arabion Night (155), Betty Lou (150), Burke (150), Flying Dragon (147), Jeep Fung (147), Marlin Maid (152), Mastermind (147), Merry Thoughts (147), National Hope (147), Sunny (157) and Superstitions (147).

2. Mares Bay Stakes, Class 9.
Furlong (157), Arabion Night (155), Betty Lou (150), Burke (150), Flying Dragon (147), Jeep Fung (147), Marlin Maid (152), Mastermind (147), Merry Thoughts (147), National Hope (147), Sunny (157) and Superstitions (147).

3. Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes, Class 9.
Gin Drinkers (157), Arabion Night (155), Betty Lou (150), Burke (150), Flying Dragon (147), Jeep Fung (147), Marlin Maid (152), Mastermind (147), Merry Thoughts (147), National Hope (147), Sunny (157) and Superstitions (147).

4. Humphom Bay Handicap, Class 9.
Humphom (157), Arabion Night (155), Betty Lou (150), Burke (150), Flying Dragon (147), Jeep Fung (147), Marlin Maid (152), Mastermind (147), Merry Thoughts (147), National Hope (147), Sunny (157) and Superstitions (147).

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6. Mares Bay Stakes, Class 9.
Mares (157), Arabion Night (155), Betty Lou (150), Burke (150), Flying Dragon (147), Jeep Fung (147), Marlin Maid (152), Mastermind (147), Merry Thoughts (147), National Hope (147), Sunny (157) and Superstitions (147).

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Derby Sweep Winners Give \$40,000

Eight PWD workers, winners of the Hong Kong Derby sweep, have donated a total sum of \$40,000 to the Colony's charitable organizations.

The largest sum \$3,123, went to the Tung Wah Hospital, the "China Mail" was authoritatively informed last night.

To each of their fellow workers the former eight PWD coolies have given \$400 each.

The winners won the first prize of the 1949 Hong Kong Derby, collecting among themselves \$768,000.

DANISH TENNIS

Copenhagen, February 3. Results of the first day's play in the international indoor lawn tennis tournament here:

Men's singles—Frank Parker (USA) beat Torben Carich 6-2, 6-4.

Torsten Johansson (Denmark) beat S. Adams (Hungary) 6-1, 6-4.

J. Asch (Hungary) beat H. Weig (Denmark) 6-1, 6-4.

Kurilich (Denmark) beat V. Cernik (Czechoslovakia) 6-1, 6-4.

El Paso, Texas, February 3. Ben Hogan, the nation's leading money winning golfer, was severely injured yesterday when his big new Cadillac car collided with a grayhound bus.

Doctors say Hogan will probably be able to play golf again, but will not venture a guess as to when. They describe his condition as "fair."

South Africa Selects Test Team

Johannesburg, February 2.

The following 13 cricketers have been requested to assemble at Johannesburg on February 9, and the South African Test team to meet England here in the fourth Test match, starting on February 12, will be selected from among them:

D. Haggis, O. Dawson, T.A. Harris, N.B.F. Munn, L. Markham, C. McCarthy, B. Mitchell, A.D. Nourse, Eric Rowan, Athol Rowan, Ian Smith, L. Tuckett and W.W. Wade.

Two other players, K. Viljoen and George Fullerton, have been invited to practice at the nets.

O. Wynn, who played in the three earlier Tests, is not among the 13 nominated players, nor are M. Huntley and Alan Melville, who both played in the third Test at Capetown.

Melville recently announced that he will not be available for the last two Tests owing to pressure of business.

Eric Rowan and Tuckett played in the first two Tests, but were displaced by Huntley and Melville for the third.

Of the 13 players, Harris and Markham and Smith have not played in the present series.

England won the first Test in Durban, but the second in Johannesburg and the third in Capetown were drawn.—Reuter.

27 Nations Challenge For Davis Cup

New York, February 2.

Twenty-seven nations have challenged for this year's Davis Cup, entries for which have now closed.

The challengers are: European Zone—Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

North American Zone—Australia, Canada, Cuba and Mexico.

Under the revised rules the draw must be made by February 10.

An announcement is expected from the United States Lawn Tennis Association tomorrow on the date and place of the draw, which for the past two years has been made in Washington.—Reuter.

Moscow Sees Double Game In China

Moscow, February 2.

The Literary Gazette, branding Chiang Kai-shek "War Criminal No. 1," today declared that the Generalissimo's alleged resignation or departure is just another routine manoeuvre intended to gain a breather for the Kuomintang troops.

"Kuomintang reaction and its American inspirers are playing a double game—striving by all means to halt the offensive of the democratic forces in order to gain a breathing spell and at the same time frantically to collect the remnants of their forces for further resistance to the People's Army of Liberation in South China," said the Gazette.

"But the new ventures of reaction are doomed to disgraceful collapse."

"There is no doubt the Chinese people will conclude the great cause of liberation of their country from the reactionary dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek and the American colonizers."—United Press.

The following have been selected to represent the Club 2nd XI in a soccer match against W.D. Chinese on the Club Ground at 4 p.m. tomorrow:

Calton, Taylor, Sloan, Young, Locke, Urquhart, Baker, Onsager, Fairbairn, Hooper and Barker.

Hogan suffered a fractured pelvis, broken collar bone and possible fracture of a rib. His wife received cuts and bruises, and said she probably would have been more seriously hurt had the little golfer not thrown himself across her just before the impact.

Hogan was National Open Champion and National Professional Golfers' Association King last year.

Hogan was picked as number one man on the Ryder Cup team due to visit England in 1949.

He was going home to Fort Worth after playing at Phoenix in the Arizona Open, where he lost the final in a play-off with Jimmy Demaret.

Hogan was America's leading money winner in tournaments sponsored by the Professional Golfers' Association in 1948 with earnings of \$32,112.

He won the Vardon trophy as the leading golfer of 1948.

Hogan, who in seven years as a golf star earned more than \$500,000 in tournament winnings, saved his own life by heroically shielding his wife from injury.

At the last moment before the crash he threw his body in front of his wife, Alene Valeria.

"It's a good thing he did," said Mrs. Hogan, "because the engine of our car was tossed back into the seat and the steering gear was shoved through the driver's seat and into the rear section."

The crash occurred on a highway near Kent, Texas, 150 miles East of here.

Mrs. Hogan and the bus passengers are not seriously hurt.—Associated Press and United Press.

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, follow:

Corps Dinner: The attention of all members of HKVDC is directed to the notice below which gives full details in relation to the dinner to be held in the Theatre of the China Fleet Club on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

Lecture: The lecture on "The Use of the Bomb in War" will be given in the Theatre of the China Fleet Club on Monday at 8.00 hours. Full details of this meeting have been circulated separately.

Meeting—All Officers, WO's, S/S's and S/S's: A meeting as above will be held in the Lecture Room at the HQ on Monday at 8.00 hours. Full details of this meeting have been circulated separately.

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The cost of the dinner will be \$5 per head paid by individuals. Drinks are not included and the cost of these will also be met by individuals. The cost of drinks has been kept down to Club and Mess prices.

Over to the side of the Theatre a Hall of 200 audience seats has been reserved for the dinner. There have been 115 applications for tickets so far. Anyone who has not applied so far should do so immediately. Application may be made in writing or by telephone to the Adjutant HKVDC or to any member of the committee. This list will close 1800 hours on Tuesday.

Draw for the dinner will be by lot. Actual tickets will not be issued but applications will be checked at the door. The money for the dinner will be collected at the table. The Band of the 1st Bn. The Buffs will be in attendance by kind permission of the Officer commanding.

Lawn Bowls: The following have been selected to represent the HKVDC in what will be their last game against Kowloon Dock Recreation Club on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. HKVDC: Capt. K.O. Hamilton, M.N. Bakken (skip), Col. L.T. Ride, Bdr. R.B. Gavel, BSM R.H. Rose, Lt. P.V.V. Ribeiro (skip).

Postmaster—Officers Mess Dinner: A number of photographs taken at the recent Officers Mess Dinner are on view in the QM's office at this HQ. Any officer wishing to purchase copies can place orders with the QM.

Russian Leg Puller



The girl who gets more laughs out of the Russians than any political cartoonist is on the "Wanted List" of Berlin's political police. Twice a week most of Berlin chuckles at her jokes at the expense of Russia. So long as she stays in the Allied sector, blonde Christina Ohlsen (above) thinks she will be safe. Photo shows Miss Ohlsen getting in a dig during a broadcast.—AP Photo.

Results Of Junior Badminton Games

The following are the results of the Junior Men's Doubles League games played last Wednesday: Chinese YMCA beat St. John's "B" 9-0.

H. Koh and P. Koh beat Stephen and Guttinger 21-3, beat Heff and Breington 21-3, beat Heff and Breington 21-3.

K. C. Liang and H. Y. Ng beat Stephen and Guttinger 21-8, beat Heff and Breington 21-16, beat Heff and Breington 21-3.

H. F. Tai and Wong Yan beat Stephen and Guttinger 21-4, beat Heff and Breington 21-8, beat Heff and Breington 21-3.

VRC "A" beat St. John's "A" 7-2, KCC lost to Kowloon Dock 2-7. St. Teresa's "B" lost to Kowloon Dock 1-8.

Kowloon Tong "B" beat RAF (postponed game) 9-0. Kowloon Tong "A" v. University (postponed).

League standings: SECTION I. Kowloon Tong "A" 6, P. F. A. 5, University 4, St. Teresa's "A" 3, VRC "A" 2, St. John's "A" 1, KCC 0, Kowloon Dock 0.

SECTION II. Chinese YMCA 4, Chung Wah 3, Kowloon Tong "B" 2, Kowloon Dock 1, KCC 0, St. John's "B" 0, St. Teresa's "B" 0, RAF 0.

Tonight's Games: Senior Mixed Doubles, KCC vs. Chinese YMCA. Junior Mixed Doubles, Kowloon Dock vs. KCC. Recreation vs. St. Teresa's "B".

SCORPIONS: The following will represent the "Scorpions" in their League cricket match against the "Optimists" tomorrow.

P. J. Kerr, L. F. Stokes, T. A. Pearce, M. Nowton, H. Owen, Hughes, F. H. Leach, J. E. Richardson, F. Howarth, N. Macleod, E. F. Gray and J. D. Clugton 12th man. R. H. Hughes. Scorer: A. P. Weir.

OBSTRUCTION: For leaving private car No. 9780 at Pedder Street outside the General Post Office on November 25 and thereby causing an obstruction, P.C. Minihill, of 301 The Peak, was fined \$20 (when summoned before Mr. J.M. Wong and Mr. W. G. Wong at the JP Court at Central yesterday).

S.D. James Smith Crozier of Aberdeen Court was cautioned for the same offence.

Rotary Hears Lecture On Chinese Medicine

Dr. F. I. Tsung, well-known medical practitioner, addressed the Kowloon Rotary Club yesterday on the contributions of Chinese medicine to Western medicine.

Tracing the history of Chinese medicine back 5,000 years, Dr. Tsung said it was incorrect to say Chinese medical practice of the old school was not scientific and based largely on superstition.

A great deal of information has been discovered and the discovery have been the basis of scientific research by the West during the last two centuries. The pity of these medical discoveries is that in spite of a good start, they were never pushed ahead with the result that they lapsed, and many valuable clues were thus lost.

Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, Hong Kong Government representative in London, was among the large number of guests at the luncheon. Other guests present included Captain A. E. Luft, Major J. H. Key, Dr. H. F. Shields, and Messrs. E. Joffe, J. B. Sherwood, F. W. Wood, W. Bashin, M. Oxford and E. E. Hagger.

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25 Crew Still Missing

Eleven of them saved themselves in this manner. The rest were left stranded on the rapidly sinking vessel. Almost immediately there was a terrific explosion. "That might have killed some of our crew," Hok declared.

"When on board the Chinese steamer, we tried to lower her lifeboats but six of them jammed. The davits would not operate. We then attempted to cut off the raft. But for reasons still unknown the chief officer of the Hsiang Hsing intervened," Hok alleged.

"I was hit on the body by the officer when I helped my comrades to slide off a raft," he asserted. Those who were at the scene also alleged being struck by the chief officer.

One of them noticed another lifeboat at the stern. One of its davits jammed, and it took them about 15 minutes before the lifeboat was eventually lowered. The 11 men climbed into the raft and rushed to rescue their stranded comrades, who were crying out for help.

"We had a very difficult time trying to pick up the men in the thick fog," another survivor related. The rescuers left the scene when no more sign of other survivors could be seen.

A member of the compradore staff was sleeping in the after-cabin when he was shaken up by the collision. "I rushed out and saw the Hsiang Hsing before me. Calling out to my fellow workers, I attempted to lower a lifeboat. The Hsiang Hsing suddenly pulled away and I saw some of the Mashed men aboard her. I was too late to follow suit."

Shakes Dangerously: The water was then gushing into the ripped part of the hull and the ship was shaking dangerously, he declared. "Before I could do anything else to save myself, the vessel sank and an explosion threw me down several feet away from where I was on the deck. Almost immediately I felt water covering me and I clung on to a ragged piece of splinter before I was picked up."

"I shouted for help till my throat became hoarse before help eventually arrived 30 minutes later," the youthful seaman declared.

An engineer was hit on the face by the sudden explosion as he was about to leave the already water-logged ship, which was picked up bleeding profusely.

A cabin boy, who was in the galley preparing the morning tea, had a narrow escape when attempting to jump on to the already under weigh Hsiang Hsing. "I was the last to jump over and just managed to catch on to the bow to clamber overboard before bleeding profusely."

He alleged that the Hsiang Hsing's chief officer struck him on the shoulder when he was helping his colleagues to cut off a raft aboard the vessel.

At the Douglas Wharf, Connaught Road Central, at midday yesterday, a group of the survivors of the Japanese ship and relatives of the survivors, waiting anxiously to know the fate of the ship and her crew. Weeping, women and men betrayed the loss of their kin. The survivors, presenting a motley group in their newly-received clothes, were taken to the Japanese office at 10th Street, where they were followed by weeping relatives in rickshaws and cars.

Each survivor was given HK\$50 for emergency expenses. Those without families in Hong Kong are lodged at boarding houses by the agents.

"We have not decided upon any measures regarding the matter," the company reported. "For the time being the survivors will be taken care of but no compensations or claims have been arranged yet."

The second officer is at Swatow under interrogation by the Customs there. An official stated, "Until we receive his official statement on the accident, we can do nothing but wait," he declared.

The Portuguese Consulate in Hong Kong reported that they are also awaiting the official report from the agents. "We are not taking any steps beyond making a record of the matter," he said. The official statement by the company, an official said yesterday.

The officer, down and quarter master are due to arrive here tomorrow.

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KMB Player Suspended For 3 Weeks

An Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday suspended Tam Woon-cheung of Kowloon Motor Bus for three weeks.

Tam was sent off the field by Mr. L. G. Young for persistent misconduct during the Army vs. KMB First Division soccer match at Sookmoo on Saturday, January 22. Army beat KMB by two goals to one.

Tam's suspension is to date as from January 22. St. Joseph's Football Club were censured by the Emergency Sub-Committee for causing a late start in their First Division game against Hong Kong Football Club on the Ground on Sunday, December 23. Club won this match by six goals to two.

The complaint against St. Joseph's was lodged by Mr. Young, who was the referee in charge of the game.

Shipping Briefs: Making her debut in local waters is the American steamer, Madaket, which arrived here yesterday from Shanghai.

The Madaket was delayed at Yokohama for about four days when she had to go into dock to repair her rudder, which had a blade missing.

Heavy seas apparently had detached the missing blade while she was en route to Japan from the United States.

The Madaket brought 12 passengers to the Colony eight of whom she took on at Shanghai.

The ss. Cloverlock arrived from North China yesterday with 820 tons of Korean products, including soy beans and ground nut oil.

The British steamer left Hong Kong last month for Korea. Mr. R. Wherry, veteran master, is in command of four European officers and 25 Chinese crew.

Two vessels brought cargo from Kobe and Shanghai totalling 1,012 tons.

The ss. Anchises (B and S) had 12 tons of general merchandise, while another B and S ship, Pusan, coming from Kobe via Shanghai, brought 1,000 tons.

Twenty tons of coffee, rubber, rattan, soap and general merchandise were discharged here by the Dutch steamer Tjalsdonk (RIL) which arrived from Batavia.

January A Fine Month: January was a relatively fine month in Hong Kong. Only on five other occasions have less clouds been recorded.

Other notable features were the excess of sunshine and the low rainfall. Up to the 19th temperatures were below normal on all but four days; after that date they were, without exception, above normal, so that while there was a range of over 30°F during the month the means were little different from normal.

The prolonged fine spell broke just before the end of the month, foggy conditions being experienced on the last three days.

The month's figures and departures were as follow:

Sunshine: 200.9 hours, 65.7 hours above normal; rainfall 2.0 mm., 20.3 mm. below normal; cloudiness 44 per cent, 21 per cent below normal; relative humidity 71 per cent, 4 per cent below normal; mean maximum temperature 84.9°F, 0.6°F above normal; mean minimum temperature 64.0°F, 2.0°F below normal; dew point temperature 48.7°F, 4.0°F below normal.

The absolute maximum temperature was 74.9°F on the 24th and the absolute minimum 42.6°F on the 6th.

Benefit Of The Doubt

Giving defendant the benefit of the doubt, Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday discharged Liu Yan-tai, married woman on a false pretences charge.

Defendant was alleged to have attempted to obtain from the Marine Department a sum \$2,800 by falsely pretending that she was the proper person to receive that amount as the mother of Mak Fook, who died of the RMS Empress of Japan.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths, defending, reminded the magistrate that the term "to-mo" which is commonly used by the Chinese, is applicable to natural mother, step-mother or adopted mother.

The statement made by defendant, he said, clearly mentioned that she was the "to-mo" and not "natural mother" of Mak Fook.

Giving his decision, Mr. d'Almeida said he must "give the defendant the benefit of the doubt, and discharged her.

Inspector J. Moore prosecuted.